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LABOR OFFICIALS ARE SENTENCED

VERDICT IN FAMOUS BUCK STOVE CONTEMPT CASE

President Gompers Gets 12 Months for Refusing to Obey Mandamus.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, adversely to the Federation officials. President Gompers was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Vice-President Mitchell to nine months, and Secretary Morrison to six months.

The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products, and the putting of the company on the "unfair list" and the Federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus has attracted wide attention.

The Buck Company prosecution of the officials of the Federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a test case wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in their fight against firms and individuals. Justice Gould, of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, issued an injunction in August, 1907, forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists. President Gompers, in an editorial in the Federationist of January last, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in derogation of the rights of labor and an abuse of the injunctive power of the courts. Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison were subsequently cited for contempt and this phase of the case has been before the court for several months by proceedings taking the form of a hearing of the testimony before an examiner.

Judge Wright's decision was a scathing denunciation of the defendants. He recited conditions antecedent to the injunction and referred to the fact that for twenty years the Buck plant had operated as a ten-hour shop and always had maintained an open shop. He also spoke of the numerical strength of the American Federation of Labor with its 2,000,000 members and of its repeated endorsement of the boycott of the Buck's Stove and Range Company through the American Federationist, the Federationist official organ, speeches by the defendants, letters, circulars, etc.

The court referred to the use of the "We don't patronize" list and "unfair" list of labor organizations and said that members of labor unions were forced and coerced into supporting it. "Whether individually, willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving," by various methods. The court read extracts from numbers of resolutions of labor organizations bearing on the Buck's case as tending to show the methods of influencing members of unions. "And these methods," the court remarked, "seem to be known as persuasion."

The customers of the stove company, the court said, had been intimidated, browbeaten and coerced out of their business relations with their custom, labor organizations, with and without boycott of the (customers) trade relations with their own customers and the public generally.

Following an exhaustive discussion of the conspiracies in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said, for the foregoing it ought to seem apparent to truthful men that the defendants to the bill, each and all of them, have conspired together for the purpose of bringing about the breach of plaintiffs' existing contracts with others; second, depriving plaintiff of property (the value of the good will of its business) without due process of law; third, restraining trade among the several states; fourth, restraining commerce among the several states.

The ultimate purpose of the defendant, the court said in this connection, was unlawful; their concerted project an offense against the law, and it added, they were guilty of crimes.

Regarding the violation of the court's injunction, Justice Wright said: "That this Gompers and others had in advance of the injunction determined to violate it, is proved, and had in advance of the injunction counselled all members of the labor unions and of the American Federation of Labor and the public generally, to violate it in case it should be issued, appeared from the following. The court here read a mass of extracts from reports of proceedings of conventions of the Federation, reports of President Gompers, editorials from the American Federationist, and the labor press generally.

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DIAMOND SWITCHING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Dramatic climaxes bristled throughout the case against Philip Greenbaum, Sadie Caplan and Alfred Caplan, in the police court yesterday charged with diamond switching and the receipt of stolen goods. At his close, Greenbaum was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to serve eight years in the penitentiary, while the other two were remanded in addition to attempted robbery at Port & Markle's jewelry store, Greenbaum was found guilty of switching a diamond ring from Dingwall & Co.'s store.

EX-INSURANCE PRESIDENT DEAD

Police of Opinion That Frederick Burnham Committed Suicide.

New York, Dec. 22.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in bed at his home, 68 East Seventy-Eighth street this morning of gas poisoning. The police say that Mr. Burnham committed suicide.

IRISH M. P. IN JAIL.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the Longford Leader, of which he is editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior and was sentenced in the King's bench division yesterday.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BROOKLYN

HALF CLAD PEOPLE FLEE INTO SNOW-SWEPT STREETS

Firemen Drag Unconscious Occupants of Apartment House to Safety.

New York, Dec. 22.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed in a fire which burned out a block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-Fourth and Forty-Fifth streets, Brooklyn, today. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen. The great Bush Terminal Docks on the edge of the fire scene were saved by a fireboat, which kept the flames from sweeping over Second avenue.

Occupants of the blazing buildings were driven, half-clad and shivering, into snow-swept streets, and a score of others were dragged unconscious from their apartments by policemen and firemen. Women and children, dazed with fright, knelt in the icy streets and prayed hysterically. The fire gained great headway before the water was poured on, as the engines were hampered in their rush to the scene by the slippery streets. Three times the firemen were forced to turn their streams on to the structure of the Fifth Avenue elevated railway, from which vantage point they were handling the hose.

Practically the whole block had been destroyed before the flames were controlled.

ALTRUISM AND ECONOMICS.

Harvard President Points Out Evils of Unions Limiting Production.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 22.—President Eliot, for the second time in the forty years which he has been head of Harvard, yesterday delivered a regular lecture in a class room. He took the place of Prof. Taussig before the class in Economics. His topic was "The Strife Between Employers and Trade Unions."

Two of the greatest evils brought about by the unions, said President Eliot, were the limitation of output and limitation of apprentices. The former course was entered upon by the unions with the altruistic purpose of guarding and giving more employment to workers, but this was pronounced by the speaker as an "unwholesome doctrine." "Altruism," he declared, "cannot be mixed with economics."

BISHOP McQUADE DYING.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The condition of Bishop McQuade at 2 o'clock this morning was somewhat improved, although the attending physicians hold out no hopes for his recovery and say his death is only a question of days.

OARSMAN MURDERED WHILE OUT FISHING

Mysterious Crime Believed to Have Been Work of Robbers.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Times from Worcester, Mass., says: Francis E. Jones, one of the crack scullers at Lake Quinsigamond, was shot and killed there sometime late on Monday. He had been fishing through the ice and was preparing to go home evidently when the top of his head was blown off. His body was found yesterday.

The young oarsman is not known to have had an enemy in the world. The police believe that as usual he had a large sum of money with him when he started out. His gun, revolver, and money, and even his hat, were all gone when his body was found.

MONSTER CHILDREN'S PARADE.

Scheme to Arouse Ottawa Ratepayers to Vote for Playgrounds By-Law.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An unique event is being planned to take place on Saturday preceding election day, when the school children of the capital, numbering upwards of 10,000, will participate in a monster parade to arouse support on behalf of a by-law which goes before the ratepayers to expend \$50,000 on the purchase and fitting up of playgrounds throughout the city.

CASTRO'S POWER NOW OVERTHROWN

VENEZUELA WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH POWERS

Dutch Warships Cease to Demonstrate—Obnoxious Decrees Are Revoked.

The Hague, Dec. 22.—Minister Van Sinderlinck will make a statement in the second chamber this afternoon concerning affairs in the Caribbean sea, in which he is expected to announce the suspension of Dutch hostile action against Venezuela and the prospect of an early settlement of the difficulties between that country and the Netherlands.

The government is in receipt of an official dispatch confirming the revocation by Venezuela of the decrees of General Castro last summer prohibiting the transshipment at Curacao of goods destined for Venezuela. The operation of this ruling worked great hardship to the commerce of Curacao. Because of the revocation of obnoxious decrees and in view of the fact that the Venezuelan government has granted the principal demand of the Dutch government, a demand that led to the feet being sent to Venezuelan waters. Orders will be sent to the Dutch warships on the Venezuelan coast to suspend their aggressive operations and so far the ships will be recalled. The following is an official statement:

"The prompt appointment of former Foreign Minister Paul to negotiate settlements of the disputes between Venezuela and foreign governments has made a great impression. It is believed here Senator Paul was always friendly towards the Netherlands and favored an adjustment of the trouble with Holland."

Berlin Gets Confirmation.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The foreign office this morning received advices from Curacao confirming the press reports of the overthrow of President Castro. "The whole country rose against Castro," the communication said. "The government of Gomez has been greeted with sympathy by the native population and a large proportion of the foreign residents. A good impression has been created by the fact that Gomez already has taken steps to re-establish good relations with the powers. The foreign office has other information that Castro's return to Venezuela is regarded as out of the question."

Castro on Sick Bed.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Cypriano Castro, the dictator of Venezuela, deposed by his people and discredited by his government, is lying on a sick bed in Berlin in complete ignorance of the events at Caracas that have resulted in his downfall. A member of the president's entourage said this morning that Castro had received no news from home and did not know what had transpired there.

Castro is residing in a private sanatorium in this city, the subject of a consultation of eminent physicians. The entire forenoon today was given up to observation of the patient and a consultation on the part of the specialists summoned to examine him.

By orders of physicians it is impossible to see Castro and it is also difficult to speak with any of his associates. While all the eyes of the world are turned on Venezuela he is occupied primarily in a fight against a serious malady. One of Castro's associates said this morning that the news of Castro's downfall must be true and he explained that the new administration at Caracas had probably made it impossible for Castro's friends to communicate with him by cable.

Revokes Obnoxious Decree.

Willemstad, Dec. 22.—The German consul here has received instructions from the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet, Gonzalez Guinand, to dispatch vessels and passengers to Venezuela and to permit the transshipment of goods out. This is in accordance with the revocation of the obnoxious decrees by Venezuela. The order says, however, that the action is a provisional indulgence on the part of Venezuela, pending further negotiations.

U. S. to Negotiate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—A resumption of American diplomatic relations with Venezuela is at hand. An official communication had been received at the state department through the Brazilian minister at Caracas expressing the wish of Vice-President Gomez to settle satisfactorily all international questions between the United States and Venezuela and for the presence of an American warship at La Guayra. W. D. Buchanan has been appointed a special commissioner to represent the United States in any negotiations which may be had and is now aboard the cruiser North Carolina on his way to Venezuela.

Downfall of Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 21.—Via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 22.—The downfall of President Castro in Venezuela was completed on Saturday with the frustration of a desperate plot to assassinate Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president of the republic. Secret cipher cables had passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstration of December 13th and 14th. A prominent lawyer filed an accusation in the high federal court charging President Castro with complicity in the attempted assassination and proposed his impeachment.

There was a meeting on Friday

night of the plotters in the residence in Caracas of Garbacia Gusman, who was secretary general in the last Castro cabinet and who was placed in charge of President Castro's personal business in Venezuela when the president left for Germany. The conspirators decided upon a coup d'etat. They determined to assassinate Acting President Gomez, Jos. de Jesus Paul, the foreign minister; Gen. Leopoldo Baptista and other prominent men, seize the administration of the country and with the army terrorize the populace.

Torres-Cardenas, who was at one time minister of the interior under President Castro, and later his personal secretary, was the active leader of the conspiracy. He was entrusted with the carrying out of the plot. He had as lieutenants the commanders of three battalions. In spite of the precautions taken, an indication of what was on foot reached the ears of the acting president. As soon as he had satisfied himself of the truth of the reports, he took immediate steps to frustrate the attempt. Early Saturday morning he went alone on foot to the barracks in Caracas, where a multitudinous regiment under the command of President Castro's brother, was quartered.

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OVERDUE STORK IS WRECK IN HUDSON BAY

All of Crew Saved When Vessel Piles Up on Lisbon Shoals.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—Word was received here today by the Hudson's Bay Company, that their ship, the Stork, which plies between London and Hudson's Bay ports, was wrecked on the Lisbon shoals in Hudson's Bay three weeks ago. The crew was rescued, and is now at Moose factory. The men will go overland from there to Montreal. The cargo consisted of a million and a half dollars in furs. It is not yet known if this can be saved, or whether the vessel is a total loss.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY "OUSTED" FROM MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision this morning ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company, from the state of Missouri, forbidding them again to do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Waters Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis.

In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000.

VARSITY STUDENT SHOT.

Crime in New York Residence Believed to Be Work of Burglar.

New York, Dec. 22.—Van Shalton, a 19 year old New York university student, was shot and probably fatally wounded by a man believed to be a burglar in the residence of Dean Snow, of the engineering department of the University today. The assailant escaped.

BONI-DE SAGAN LAWSUIT.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Public prosecutor Matter was heard this morning in the suit brought by Count Boni De Castellane against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Coug, in which he asks that the custody of his three children be awarded to his mother. In presenting his conclusion to the court the public prosecutor recommended that the children be left in the custody of their mother. The Countess De Castellane secured a divorce from her husband and has since married Prince Helle De Sagan.

STUFFED BALLOT BOX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—J. Dusseault, deputy returning officer for Ward one in the St. Boniface municipal election, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stuffing a ballot box. He was released on \$200 bail. The charge made by Thomas Berry, who was a candidate against Mayor Beau, is that there were more ballots in the boxes than there were votes cast.

MAIL ROBBERY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—A mail package containing sixty pounds of registered mail matter consigned to eastern points, was stolen from a baggage room of the Belt line railroad last night.

RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLISION.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 22.—The coroner's jury has returned a verdict holding Engineer Nagle responsible for the collision near here on December 3rd, which caused the death of Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa.

COSTLY CAXTONS.

Manchester, Dec. 22.—A Manchester paper states that J. Pierpont Moran paid \$120,000 for the fifteen Caxtons, part of the famous library of Lord Amherst, of Hackney, recently disposed of at public sale.

HARRY LAUDER'S LOSS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22.—While a truck load of Harry Lauder's stage effects was being loaded into a baggage car at the Exchange street station to-night, a yard engine backed a string of cars down upon it. The truck was overturned and \$5,000 worth of stage property converted into splinters.

CHEAPER CABLE RATES TO EUROPE

WILL SOON BE IN FORCE SAYS HON. R. LEMIEUX

Believes Charges Will Eventually Be Reduced to Five Cents a Word.

New York, Dec. 22.—That not only cheaper, but very much cheaper, rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the confident assertion of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general in the Canadian cabinet, yesterday afternoon on the eve of his departure for Canada after a day spent in this city, following his arrival from Europe.

"The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic." Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to influential interests in the United States also, but he declined to be questioned as to whether or not the United States government had been or would be approached by Canada or Great Britain in the matter. However, he said it was regarded as significant when Whitehall, the American ambassador in London, at a dinner given to Mr. Lemieux in that city, declared in a semi-humorous way that the United States would not stand by idly and see Canada enjoy alone what he described as the great boon of low cable rates to Europe. If the cable companies would make the reductions that would satisfy the governments, according to Mr. Lemieux, then there would be no new cable laid across the Atlantic, and he believed that that was what was likely to happen. In any event he had received such assurances in London that he felt almost certain that the day of very much cheaper cabling between Europe and America was not far distant. He believed a state-owned cable across the Atlantic, if it should become necessary to lay one, undoubtedly would be as successful and satisfactory in every way as the Pacific cable from Canada to Australia.

"That project was first seriously broached in the early 90's," he said, "and it was accomplished about 1900." "Previously it cost \$2.25 a word to send a cable message from Australia to England. The new cable brought about a reduction of about fifty per cent., that is, to \$1.15, and there has since been a still further reduction, namely, to 75 cents. But for the state-owned cable and its cheap rates, I am confident that the old rate of \$2.25 a word would still obtain. That line, although it has been described as losing money, yields not only sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds that were issued for its construction, but also a surplus for the eventual discharge of the capital obligations."

Mr. Lemieux said the demand on the Atlantic companies, which was expected to come to a conclusion this spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of two pence (four cents) a word, as was erroneously supposed in many quarters. It had been proposed instead that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent and deferred, for instance, and charged for accordingly, but in any event the rate is to be considerably lower than the prevailing shilling, or 2 cent rate.

Mr. Howlander-Henson, known in England as the father of penny postage, who has taken an active part in the movement for lower cable rates, wanted an even lower charge, namely, a penny, or two cents, a word, he said. It is the belief of Mr. Lemieux that it would eventually admit of a charge of five cents a word.

APPLES SIX CENTS A PIECE.

B. C. Fruit Fetches Abnormal Price in Antipodes.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Trade Commissioner Laker, Sydney, Australia, in reporting to the trade and commerce department, says the shipment of 16,000 tons of steel rails by the Dominion Iron & Steel Company to the government of New South Wales is beginning on a large scale.

The commissioner comments favorably upon the timely shipments of British Columbia apples. Being a trifle larger than the fruiters there are accustomed to handle, the apples are being retailed for three pence each.

FORTUNE IN OLD TOMATO CAN.

Joe Wagon Driver Finds \$10,000 Bill Which Appears Genuine.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 22.—Patrick Sullivan, an ice wagon driver, found a \$10,000 bill in the bottom of an old tomato can which he picked up in an alley in the residential part of the town. Conrad Reed, cashier of the Southern Illinois National Bank, examined the bill through a microscope and said it appeared to be a genuine gold certificate. The bill was taken to the sub-treasury in St. Louis for further examination.

FRANCE HAS WRIGHT AEROPLANE.

Lille, France, Dec. 22.—The first Wright aeroplane to be built in France by the exploitation company that acquired the French rights for the machine has been completed. It will be sent to the aeronautics salon in Paris for exhibition.

RUGBY IN OLD LAND.

London, Eng., Dec. 22.—Yesterday's rugby games: Cambridge University 11, North of Ireland 11; Australians 3, Abertillery 3.

FRANCE'S BIGGEST BUDGET.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate yesterday adopted the budget, which for the first time exceeded four billions of francs.

HARVEST OF THE SEA.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—A phenomenal herring catch is reported from Jordan Bay, Shelburne. Driven into shoal water, presumably by dog fish, and then driven upon the bank by the gale which prevailed at the time, were hundreds of barrels of herring. In fact, when the tide receded and the surf calmed down the fish were piled along the shore 3 feet thick. The fish are in good condition, they are gathered and packed in barrels and shipped to Boston.

SEPTUAGENARIAN SUICIDES.

Lumden, Sask., Dec. 22.—Thomas Darby, aged about seventy, a well-known resident here, and formerly of Durham, Ont., committed suicide in the rear of Wilkie's stable yesterday by blowing his brains out with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous.

TRIAL TELLING ON T. J. HAINS

STATE'S TESTIMONY WORRIES DEFENDANT

Defence Alleges Its Evidence Will Throw New Light on Crime.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The principal points of the prosecution's case against Thornton J. Hains have been developed and District Attorney Darrin and his assistants will now engage themselves in bringing out testimony to corroborate the evidence given by the state's chief witness that the defendant was a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, junior, in the killing of William E. Annis. Some eight or ten witnesses are under subpoena by the state, but the district attorney is not certain whether all of them will be called to the stand.

Mr. Darrin says that another week will be required to complete the case against Thornton Hains.

Since the testimony of Mrs. Helene E. Annis a change has come over the defendant, bright and cheerful and seemingly taking more interest in the trial, Thornton Hains sat at the counsel table today, his tense face showing testimony that had been told to the jury. His demeanor is now missing and he talked earnestly with his counsel during the progress of the trial.

"We have not shown our defense yet," said Mr. McIntyre, chief counsel for Hains today. "I will not until the state's case has ended. When our side has been heard there will be a different light on the situation. Material points in our case have been developed from the cross-examination of all the state's witnesses who testified that they were on that boat. A surprise is coming in the trial when the defense comes to be heard."

The long daily sessions of the court have proved exhausting to counsel and Justice Crane has practically given up the plan of holding night sessions. Herman H. Kimmel, a lawyer of the Bayside Yacht Club, took the stand as today's first witness. He did not see the shooting but went to the boat immediately afterwards.

"I heard the defendant talking to some of the club members on the boat," he told the policeman in the defendant's presence that he is as guilty as the other (Capt. Hains). He held off the others while the shooting was going on."

The defendant said: "I know I did and I would have done the same thing had I been in his place."

Mr. McIntyre gave the witness a severe cross-examination, and wanted to know why he had declared the defendant guilty, when, as a lawyer, had only hearsay information. Mr. Kimmel said he had no reason to doubt his information.

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BYE-ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JANUARY NINTH

Revelstoke and Nanaimo Will Be Opened Same Day.

A special Gazette issued by the provincial government yesterday, contains proclamation bringing into force the acts creating the department of lands and the department of public works and the department of lands.

The issue also contains the formal notice of the appointment of Thomas Taylor, of Revelstoke, as minister of public works, while Hon. F. J. Pallton is made chief commissioner of lands.

The date for the bye-election in Revelstoke riding, made necessary by the appointment of Mr. Taylor to a cabinet position, will be fixed for January 9th. The same date will be fixed for the bye-election in Nanaimo, which is made necessary by the resignation of J. H. Hawthornthwaite, to contest the seat in the Dominion elections.

For the Revelstoke election, T. J. Wadman, of Revelstoke, is returning officer. For Nanaimo the returning officer is Fred G. Peto.

BISHOP'S PLEA FOR OLD MEN

APPEARS BEFORE THE COURT OF REVISION

Joseph Peirson Quotes Favorable Decision of Kamloops Judge.

"It seems to me a very back-stair way for a man over fifty to get a vote; by paying a road tax the law exempts him from," the Bishop of Columbia told the members of the court of revision this morning.

The adjourned sitting of the court was held for the purpose of hearing householders who made application for registration as voters, but who did not pay their road tax until after that date or had not paid it up to this morning.

Bishop Perrin was not one of these, but he explained to the court that he had not received any notice and desired to ascertain if his name was put on the list as a household voter. He was perfectly willing to pay the road tax when he made his application and would have paid it, but Mr. Scowcroft told him he could not take it from him. He had no desire to escape taxation, although the law exempted him, but he considered he should be given a vote.

City Solicitor Mann—is not the corporation sole on the list. I represent it, of course, but it is my personal vote I am seeking.

It transpired that at the time he put in his application the bishop stated voluntarily that he was over fifty. As it may not be generally known, it may be explained here that while the law permits men over the half century mark to escape payment of the \$2 road tax, it does not prohibit them from paying, and unless they are claiming exemption they are not called upon to state their age.

"It is to me an extraordinary thing that a person should not have a vote nor be allowed to pay the tax because he is over fifty," said his lordship. Mr. Scowcroft, the collector of votes, said he had told the bishop exactly how the matter stood; that he could pay the \$2 to the city treasurer if he wished, but that unless he had his application would have to be placed with the others of men over fifty to await whatever action the court of revision took. The bishop said he would take the matter into consideration.

"And my reason for not paying the tax was that it seemed to me a very back-stair way to get a vote," said Bishop Perrin. "I would have paid the \$2, but I maintain that I had a right to a vote without paying a tax from which my age exempted me. I stand in this matter not for myself alone, but for several others."

Ald. Cameron remarked that there was a dispute regarding the matter, but the court had acted on the advice of the city solicitor.

Mr. Peirson Quotes a Decision. Joseph Peirson, who has been championing the cause of his fellow-unfortunates, rejoiced his contention that the court of revision was perfectly competent to decide as to the right of the old men. The court was acting on certain remarks said to have fallen from Chief Justice Hunter in declaring that women were ineligible, but he understood that the case of men over 50 was not referred to at all on that occasion, and the Chief Justice's remarks had no bearing on that phase.

"I stated on Monday that I thought Judge Spinks had given a decision at Kamloops on this question," continued Mr. Peirson, "and I urged to the registrar to ask if he had not decided that men over fifty had a right to vote. I have the reply here: 'Yes, verbally, no written decision given.' I think it is strange that we should have a decision in one part of the province on this very question, while this board acts in the contrary direction on a decision which had no regard to this question at all."

Ald. Cameron stated that he had been guided by his own personal opinion on the reading of the statute. Mr. Peirson went on to say that it was ridiculous to be selling votes for 50 now; selling men who had not paid the tax before, after making their solemn declaration that they had done so, to pay it now. It indicated to him an excess of power or illegality on the part of the court.

May Affect Election. "Do you object to anyone on the list on that ground?" asked the city solicitor.

"Certainly do not, as I said on Monday. But I repeat that we old men are entitled to the benefit of the doubt in our case. British institutions would give the widest interpretation, and not the narrowest, in such a case as this. If the magistrate decides, on our appeal, that we are not entitled to be placed on the list not having paid the road tax, I think it should be competent for us to come forward then and pay it if we wish to secure our vote. But on the point of allowing the payment of that tax at the eleventh hour, I may remark that an eminent legal authority suggests to me that this action may jeopardize your coming election."

The Mayor repeated his assurance that the city would do everything it could.

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DEATH OF HAMILTON MAN.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—An Alderman

COME AND Inspect Our Christmas Goods



HAIR BRUSHES CLOTH BRUSHES In Ebony and Ivory PERFUMES From all the best makers. GENTLEMEN'S TOILET SETS LADIES' TOILET SETS WE HAVE A VERY NICE SELECTED LINE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS AT

Campbell's Prescription Store. We are prompt, we are careful, and we use the best. Our prices are reasonable. CORNER FORT AND DOUGLAS ST.

Notice To Our Customers On Saturday next we shall be closed till noon, and be open from then till 10 o'clock. Wishing all a very merry Christmas. NICE JUICY NAVEL ORANGES, 2 dozen... 45c Windsor Grocery Company, OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE. GOV'T STREET.

AMERICAN STEEL CLAD ELECTRIC IRON Can be attached to any electric light socket—simplest and best Laundry Iron money can buy—excellent for a XMAS GIFT For any lady—so useful to use at home or when traveling. Price very reasonable. See it here. B. C. ELECTRIC CO., LTD. Corner Fort and Langley Streets

Your Wine List! We keep everything in Wines and Liquors that you will need for Christmas. We have the very best that can be purchased. Our prices will save you money. Special delivery anywhere in the city limits within one-half hour. Kindly let us have your orders in early. This Store will be Closed from Thursday Night till Monday Morning. SEE OUR BIG AD. ON PAGE SIX "Eat, Drink and Be Merry"

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BEATEN BY CHINAMAN. Men Who Entered Cabin Were Roughly Handled by Innate. The man whose injury late yesterday afternoon was mentioned in the Times was Thomas Burgess. Inquiry by the police reveals that he and a companion, while drunk and abusive, entered one of Carpenter's cabins on Herald street, occupied by Ling Sam. They threw him out

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TRIAL TELLING ON T. J. HAINS (Continued from page 1)

Marked in evidence to-day in the trial of T. J. Hains was a large leather revolver holster, which the state's attorney says will play an important part in the state's case. This holster was found strapped under the arm and on the shoulder of Capt. Peter Hains, junior, shortly after his arrest for the killing of Annie. The holster is new and Policeman Baker, who discovered it, said that it was slung around the army captain's shoulder and that the revolver in its sheath would have pressed against the right breast enabling the wearer to draw it at a moment's notice. The counsel for the prosecution declare that the wearing of such a revolver holster clearly shows that Capt. Hains left the army post at Fort Hamiltion armed with the intent of killing and approves any suggestion that he suddenly became insane at seeing Annie. Counsel further asserts that Thornton Hains must have known that his brother was armed and was going out to hunt his victim. The revolver which Thornton Hains wore is the usual hip affair.

SATURDAY SHOPPING. Most of the Grocery Stores Will Remain Open That Day.

A proposition was made some time ago among the grocery stores in the city to close on Saturday of this week, following Christmas Day. It was thought by some, however, after considering the question that there would be an inconvenience worked the general public by having the stores closed to business for three days in succession and the proposal was dropped. Most of the stores intend, therefore, to open Saturday, but many will arrange to have the members of their staff divide the work so that part will get a holiday on the Saturday after Christmas, while others will take it the Saturday after New Years. Copas & Young intend to close Saturday, however, giving their entire staff a full holiday for that day.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING. Stable Boy Caught by Detective O'Leary As He Was Leaving the City.

Lou McCurrie, a stable boy, who has been employed at the racing stables out at the exhibition park, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to stealing \$21 from a companion, "Bud" Gulst, on Monday night. He was sentenced to one month in jail and Gulst will get back \$21 of the \$31 found on McCurrie. The two young fellows gave up work on Monday and came in town to go away. They had several drinks and late in the afternoon, in a hotel where they were known, the proprietor advised Gulst to let him have his money for safe keeping. Gulst was counting it on the bar as a preliminary to taking this good advice when McCurrie grabbed it up. A little later he slipped away and as he denied next day any knowledge of the matter a warrant was issued for his arrest. Detective O'Leary arrested him on his way to the boat last evening. The small debts court will not sit for two weeks.

In the county court yesterday afternoon the case of Wetenhall vs. Brackman-Ker Milling Company was concluded and judgment reserved.

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BIG CROWD GATHERS IN PITTSBURG COURT Councillors and Bankers Arraigned on Charges of Bribery.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—When the seven councillors and two former bankers arraigned on Monday as a result of alleged corruption in the city's legislative affairs were arraigned to-day before Magistrate Brady for a preliminary hearing, a crowd including many local politicians were gathered in the vicinity of the court. Owing to the size of the courtroom, however, many more were disappointed in gaining admittance, as almost every inch of available space was taken up by the defendants, their attorneys and friends, and newspapermen. The following are the accused men: Councilmen Brand, Wasson, Klein, Ferguson, Atkinson, Soffel and Melaney. The bankers are: W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank.

LABOR OFFICERS ARE SENTENCED (Continued from page 1)

As to Secretary Frank Morrison, the court declared that he had full knowledge of all that was being done, in the preparation and publication of the American Federationist of April, 1908. Concerning Mitchell the court pointed to various acts which it said placed him with the pale of the law. The justice quoted from Mitchell's book on organized labor certain passages wherein Mitchell declared that it was the duty of all patriotic and law-abiding citizens to resist or disregard injunctions when they forbid the doing of a thing which is unlawful. Mitchell also was credited with signing "with full knowledge" the urgent appeal which accompanied the 37,000 or more circular letters to the various labor union secretaries and with full knowledge of their contents, counselling their distribution with the same purpose and intent. The court also referred to the presence of Mitchell in the chair on January 23, 1908, at the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America when a resolution was adopted placing the Buck's Stove and Range Company on the "unfair list."

Continuing, the court said: "In the defence of the charges now at the bar, no defence is offered, save these: First, infringing the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of the press; and, second, infringing the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech." The injunction interfered with no legitimate right of criticism or comment that the law has ever sanctioned and the respondents' intimation that it does so is a mockery and a pretence. In reference to the freedom of the press, the court declared that the constitution does not herein confer the right to speak, to print, or to publish. "It guarantees," said he, "only that in so far as the federal government is concerned its congress shall not abridge it, and leaves the subject to the regulation of the several states, where it belongs."

"No right," the court added, "to publish either the libel or the slander can be sustained, except upon theory of a right to do wrong." In passing sentence upon the defendants, the court said: "It would not seem inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from allowing after such outlawed examples will serve physically to impose obedience even though late, and will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law." Pending an appeal to the United States court of appeals, the District of Columbia, all three defendants were released on bail, the amount being fixed as follows: Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell, \$4,000 and Morrison \$3,000. A local surety company furnished the bonds. Each of the defendants before sentence was passed upon them made statements in response to the usual inquiry if they had anything to say.

PHOTOS WIN PRIZES. Fleming Bros. Carry Off Honors at Spokane Apple Show.

Fleming Brothers, the well known local photographers, who carried off three prizes in the national apple show at Spokane this month for pictures of local grown apples, have now received from the secretary-treasurer, H. J. Steyer, of Spokane, the badges and a letter notifying them formally of their successes. The prizes obtained by Fleming Brothers comprise two first and one honorable mention. The letter contains the following: "We wish to compliment you upon your success, and trust that next year you will be even more successful." The photographs were taken by Fleming Brothers at the Spokane Apple Show, and Mr. Fleming, may be seen at the station. The local firm has a wide reputation as photographers, and by their showing at Spokane have shown that they are able to compete with the best in their line.

The committee of the Victoria Seamen's Institute, and the Sailors, Ladies' Guild, hereby desire to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt of a very acceptable and timely donation of five tons of coal from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.

The funeral of the late Joseph Evans took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hanna chapel, where A. J. Bruce conducted an impressive service. The deceased served through the South African war. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Sons of England Society.

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LOST—On Saturday last, the 19th inst., a black Newfoundland dog. Anyone finding the same please communicate with the Assistant Private Secretary, Government House. GOLD IS NOT ALL, but there is enough gold in the Pingree Mines to pay all expenses, leaving the copper, running \$40.00 per ton, as net profit. The Pingree Mines are the richest in the free gold belt. Shares are now selling at 15c. It's your chance. A postal will bring you complete information. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

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Notice is hereby given that water will be shut off to-morrow, the 23rd inst., between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Douglas street, between Market and Figuard as far west as Cook street. JAS. L. RAYMUR, Water Commissioner.

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Suit.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The night riders' oath in full is here given for the first time:

"You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, that you will not write, talk or tell to anyone the secrets of this order of night riders; that if you do talk, write or tell to any person any of the secrets of the order we are permitted to do with you as we see fit, and you know death, hell and destruction will be your portion, and that your body will not be buried in a graveyard. Do you willingly and freely submit to all this, so help you God?"

The state practically completed its case yesterday against the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Capt. Ranken, when it drew from Frank Febringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement not only of the Ranken tragedy, but of a score of more outrages.

Garrett Johnson was the spokesman who threw the rope and whip and gave the orders to Ranken and Taylor to dress.

Of the march to the densely wooded bank of the slough where Ranken was slain, Johnson did all the talking, the others, about fifty in number, including the defendants, following silently.

As they put the rope on Ranken's neck, Febringer said to the victim: "Do you want to say anything to the Lord? If you do, say it now."

Ranken replied: "I have attended to that."

Just as they pulled the rope, Bob Hoffman shot him and Sam Applewhite then said:

"I know he is dead, for I put a load of bicycle bearings into him."

Febringer was arrested by the militia and taken before Gov. Patterson, who was personally in command.

"Tell the truth," said Gov. Patterson. "If you do I will give you an absolute pardon."

Febringer then confessed.

The state also called Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Frank Febringer, involving the men as actual participants in the murder of Capt. Ranken, was given with an exaltation of detail that was amazing.

As Mrs. Johnson's name was called a murmur of satisfaction arose. Nearly every one knew she had been whipped, but except the grand jury and prosecuting officers no one had heard her story.

Mrs. Johnson had married Joe Johnson, a man thirty years older than she, and lived with him for four years, when a child was born. Last August she sued him for divorce, charging cruelty and asking maintenance. Early in September the riders visited her father's home, and left word that she must withdraw the suit. She failed to do so, and on a second visit her father was whipped.

On both occasions she was at her sister's home. The riders seemed to have realized this, for on September 20, about 11 o'clock at night they went to the sister's house. Mrs. Johnson woke to find her bedroom filled with masked men. A man whom she said she recognized as Fred Pinion, one of the defendants, was standing so close that she could touch him.

"We have come to tell you for the last time that you must dismiss that divorce suit," Pinion is charged with saying.

"I will not withdraw it," she replied.

"You will before we get through with you," came the response. "If you dismiss it now we will see that the supports the child, but you must not touch his property," he continued.

Mrs. Johnson obstinately insisted that she would press the case. Then the men fled out into the yard to consult. In a few minutes they returned. Pinion she said, stepped over to the bed and said: "Come with us."

Two others of the band seized the young woman, dragged her roughly from the bed and hurried her about 250 yards away. They threw her on a log in the woods, and one of them beat her across the shoulders with a strap.

After the first beating they asked her if she would dismiss the suit. She said no. Then she was again whipped.

This time her fighting spirit was broken and she sobbingly said she would give in to their demands.

"Let's give her another," said one of the band.

"No," Pinion is said to have replied; "she has had enough."

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned and said:

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guard of only two deputies. I do not think this safe. Therefore I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as guards."

The defence objected vigorously, but the judge refused to withdraw his orders.

Informers' Evidence.
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses yesterday afternoon in the night rider's trial, was excused from

the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the night riders, corroborating Febringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother's evidence.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another of the alleged night riders who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing, and made a confession. He was trembling with fear, and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney-general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard. He fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Febringer.

The eight defendants in the night rider trial were brought into court yesterday handcuffed in pairs and with a

detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers, with rifles, halted at the court room door, and other soldiers, armed with revolvers, met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of the store near Reelfoot lake. He said the riders forced him to give them oil to pour on

the fish docks when they were burned, and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury. Shaw said the night riders wore "mother hubbards" and black masks, and tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the town at night. The riders

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F. Le Roy, Palace Cigar Store, Govt. St. Mrs. Ranns, 211 Oswego St., James Bkwy.

B. W. Buller's News Stand, C.P.R. Dock. Standard Stationery Co., 36 Govt. St.

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Pope Stationery Co., First avenue, Vancouver—Norman C. & Co., 67 Granville Street.

New Westminster—J. J. McKay, Dawson—Dawson News Co., White Horse, Y. T.—Bennett News Co., Portland, Ore.—Oregon News Co., 147 5th Street.

CHEAPER CABLE RATES ASSURED

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian Postmaster-General, says one result of the conference in Great Britain upon the matter of cheaper cable communication is likely to be a reduction of rates by the private cable companies.

Private concerns entrusted with the duty of serving the public in any capacity are naturally loth to reduce the tolls for the work they perform.

The management rightly believes its first duty is to shareholders, and shareholders naturally look for dividends.

They are always doubtful about the outcome of experiments. Under government operation of works of public utility the circumstances are somewhat different.

Profits are not the chief consideration. Should there be a deficit in operation, the public, which must meet the deficit, can be told that the loss sustained in one direction is made up in another.

It is merely a case of taking money from one pocket and putting it in another. Such an argument does not apply to the conditions under which private concerns are conducted.

When a company has to pass its dividends, the shareholders suffer a direct loss. Consequently there is substantial ground for the timidity of the cable companies to reduce charges.

Yet the experience of governments supports the contentions of the sanguine gentlemen who maintain that cable rates could be substantially reduced with great advantage to the communities served and without menacing the investments of cable shareholders.

Not so many years ago—at least it does not appear a very long time as we look back—it cost a shilling to carry a letter from Great Britain to America. That rate has been steadily cut down until to-day the same service is performed for a penny.

It is true such a revolution in charges would have been impossible at the time shilling postage was in force, because the volume of business could not have been increased to the extent necessary to warrant such a rate.

But with a population approximating a hundred millions on this continent and a proportionate increase on the continent of Europe penny postage is not only feasible but desirable.

And it is extremely gratifying to Canadians to think the great reform Mr. Henniker Heaton advocated so ardently and so futilely in Great Britain, was first adopted by Canada, and has already proved so successful that foreign countries have been forced to follow suit.

There is no reason whatever to doubt that as it has been with penny postage, so it will be with cable rates. The charges are so high at present as to practically kill business.

The world is moving forward, and in no respect faster than in the desire for cheap means of communication. Compared with the conditions not so many years ago, it is an educated world.

The schoolmaster is abroad. All nations take an interest in the doings of their neighbors. Therefore cheap cables are necessary. It is in the highest degree

satisfactory to learn that existing companies recognize the inevitable and are disposed to grant such concessions as will obviate, for the present, at all events, the construction and operation of government-owned lines across the Atlantic Ocean.

COMING BACK TO IT.

(Hamilton Times.) Denmark wants an executioner. For some years capital punishment has been unknown there, because all capital sentences have been commuted; but the rapid increase of capital crimes has convinced the government in the belief that this has been a mistake.

SO LONG DRY STAY ON SHORE.

(Hamilton Spectator.) Holland has made a demonstration against Venezuela, one of her gunboats capturing a Venezuelan coast-guard boat. Venezuela should pull her navy up on shore or get it into the boat-house and lock the door if she doesn't want to imitate Russia's example and lose the whole blamed fleet.

NO WORK FOR HIM.

"But," said the good old lady, "why don't you go to work?" "Why, ma'am," began the respectable old man, "I've got a wife and five children to support."

"But how can you support them if you don't go to work?" "As I was a-sayin', lady, I got a wife and five children to support me."

THE HUSKING BEE.

The country swain dropped his red ear and leaned over to the country lass, "Mandy, can I kiss you now?" he asked anxiously.

"Not now, Hiram," giggled Mandy. "Why not?" "Because even the corn has ears."

FAVORITE AMUSEMENTS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE

Half an hour's entertainment of a quite unconscious character may be obtained by anyone who cares to pick up that red-covered dictionary of fame, "Who's Who," and glance through the thousands of thumb-nail biographies of men and women who have won distinction in various walks of life.

In the new issue for 1909, which has just been published, "Who's Who" discloses the fact that the most popular forms of recreation among the famous are cycling, fishing, shooting, and golf.

But there are those whose fancy turns to collecting butterflies, falconry, freemasonry, magic, change of work, and "doing nothing, and doing it well."

Bernard Shaw's form of recreation is "anything except sport," but his exercise consists of cycling, swimming, and public speaking. Among the most interesting hobbies and forms of recreation are the following:

Miss E. F. Brooke, novelist: Sitting over the fire with a friend of a book; and hearing clever people talk.

Earl of Aberdeen: Landscape gardening.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett: Improving the lot of children.

G. R. Sims: Battledore and shuttlecock, badminton and trotting ponies.

Earl De La Warr: Acting as chairman of Bexhill town council and captain of Bexhill fire brigade.

John Strange Winter: The study of hair and skin culture.

Lieut.-Colonel John Shakespeare: Outdoor sports, "but a duffer at them all."

John Foster Fraser, journalist: Playing with his children.

Earl of Strathmore: Cab trade.

Richard Marsh: Besides loving all recreations, is "a clumsy but enthusiastic student of whatever makes for proficiency in the fine art of doing nothing."

Robert Ross: Conversation, litigation, and dining out.

Miss Marion Terry: Besides music, reading, and driving, "going to the theatre to see plays and other actresses and actors."

Ysaie, the violinist: Cycling, fishing, and his pipe.

Judge Rentoul: Reading "Who's Who."

Ernest Lamb, M. P., is one of the very few people mentioned who confess to footballing as their recreation.

Writing and the penman is one of the forms of recreation of Mr. Percy French, the humorist. Jack London is fond of kite-flying; George Foster, M. P., "sits a bicycle in all weathers"; George Grossmith loves to roam in shipbuilding and locomotive yards; Carl Hentschel does "first nighting" at the theatre; William Shakespeare, the singer and composer, goes in for horse-riding, surgery, and foreign languages; and Mrs. Needham, the composer and pianist, places "the adoration of her baby Terence" before horse-riding, driving, bicycling, study of languages and Irish antiquities, travelling, rifle-shooting, and photography.

The late Father Ignatius "recreation" was "eight services a day in Llanthony Abbey church."

The death occurred last evening at St. Joseph's hospital of Margaret Clark, deceased, who was a native of Ireland and 73 years of age, had been a resident of Victoria for many years.

She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Mrs. P. H. Carroll, of this city, and Mrs. W. Shewan, of Goldfields, Nevada. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock from the Hanna parlors and later at the Roman Catholic cathedral.

The establishment of penny postage by the United States government has had the effect of enormously increasing the business of the post office department.

A New York newspaper publishes some figures which at once establish the popularity of the reform and of the fast new steamers of the Cunard company.

The Lusitania, the paper says, sailed yesterday with a Christmas mail that swept away all records. She carried 4,904 sacks. The previous high number was carried by the Oceanic in 1907, when she sailed with 4,134 sacks.

The figures of the outgoing Christmas mails show an increase this far of 2,932 sacks of mail and 4,133 parcels for this year over last.

Besides the Lusitania, the Oceanic sailed with 1,271 sacks. The Lusitania had 83,132 registered articles and the Oceanic 148. Last year the Oceanic bore away 34,258 registered articles.

These figures show an increase in registered articles of this season over last of 48,922. The Lusitania carried out yesterday 8,614 parcels and the Oceanic 753. Last year the Oceanic carried away 3,212.

Xmas Gloves for Men, Women, Boys and Girls

Preparations have been made for making to-day and to-morrow the greatest Glove-Selling Days that our Christmas business has ever known.

TWO VERY SPECIAL BARGAINS: WOMEN'S GLACE KID GLOVES, 12 and 16 button length, colors tan, black, navy and grey. Regular \$3 and \$3.50, for... \$1.50

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WOMEN'S SUEDE GLOVES, Trefousse make, all shades. Price... \$1.50. WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, colors tan and white. Price... \$1.25

WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, in tan. Price... \$1.25. WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, in black. Price... \$1.50

WOMEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, in tan shades. Price... \$1.50. WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GAUNTLET GLOVES, tan only. Price... \$1.75

WOMEN'S SUEDE GAUNTLET GLOVES. Price... \$1.75. WOMEN'S EXTRA HEAVY DOGSKIN DRIVING GLOVES, price... \$2.75

WOMEN'S LONG KID GLOVES, glace, in mode and white. Price, \$3.00 and... \$3.50. WOMEN'S LONG SUEDE GLOVES, color white. Price... \$3.00

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WOMEN'S FLEECE-LINED GLOVES, in browns and blacks, at \$1 and... \$1.25. CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, Dent's Racine. Price 75c and... \$1.00

CHILDREN'S HEAVY KID GLOVES, Dent's make. Price 75c and... \$1.00. WOMEN'S WOOLEN GLOVES, in white, black, red, brown and grey. Very special value... 25c

WOMEN'S WOOLEN GLOVES, all shades. Price... 35c. WOMEN'S LONG WOOLEN GLOVES, black, white, red and navy, at... 50c

WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE GLOVES, at 25c and... 35c. CHILDREN'S FANCY RINGWOOD GLOVES, all sizes, at... 25c

Only One Shopping Day More--To-morrow: Only one day left in which to sell all Toys, All Christmas Books, all Christmas Slippers, all Christmas Chins, all Pictures, all Fancy Boxed Candy, all Fancy Baskets, all Fancy Leather Goods; also splendid opportunities to purchase Gift Furniture at unusual prices.

Final Clean-out of All of Our Toys To-morrow: All Toys must be sold to-morrow. Prices like these will certainly more than act quickly. On sale to-morrow morning, 8:30.

HORSES AND RIGS: HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$4.75. To-morrow morning, 8:30... \$3.50

DRESSED DOLLS: DRESSED DOLLS, worth up to \$2. To-morrow morning, 8:30... \$1

OTHER TOYS: TWO ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, were \$8.50, to-morrow morning 8:30 each... \$4.50

TWO IRISH MAIL TANDEM, regular \$12.50. To-morrow morning, 8:30, each... \$9.50

ALL ANIMALS, such as Sheep, Dogs, Goats, Camels, Lions, ONE LARGE SHEEP, was \$8.50, to-morrow, 8:30 a. m. \$4.25

The Book Department: This department will have to rid itself of all CHRISTMAS BOOKS to-morrow. We have arranged tables of books for selling to-morrow morning that will soon relieve us of the balance of our Christmas books and other goods.

Wool Shawls for Xmas: A useful and sensible gift is a FINE WOOL SHAWL. The comfort derived from a nice Shawl is a constant reminder of the giver. These are some of our prices:

HONEYCOMB SHAWLS, in white and red, at... 75c. HONEYCOMB SHAWLS, in white and other colors at... \$1.25

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Xmas Gloves for Boys and Men

MEN'S WOOL GLOVES, a nice weight and special value at... 50c

MEN'S EVENING GLOVES, white kid, this quality is an exceptional value at... 50c

MEN'S HEAVY WORKING GLOVES at... 50c. MEN'S LINED LEATHER GLOVES at... 50c

BOYS' KID GLOVES, wool lined, with knitted wrist bands, special at... 75c

MEN'S HEAVY WORKING GLOVES at... 75c. MEN'S EVENING GLOVES, white kid, a nice quality, at 75c

DENT'S BLACK KID GLOVES, 2 button, at... \$1.00. BOYS' KID GLOVES, wool lined, in tans, at... \$1.00

MEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, for walking or driving. Special quality at... \$1.25

MEN'S DONGOLA GLOVES, Dent's make, at... \$1.50. MEN'S KID GLOVES, Dent's "West End," white stitched, at... \$1.50

MEN'S LINED GLOVES, Dent's tan silk lined gloves. \$1.50. MEN'S KID GLOVES, Dent's "Viatica," at... \$1.50

MEN'S HEAVY HORSEHIDE GLOVES, with gauntlet. \$1.50

MEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, hand sewn, at... \$1.75

MEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, Dent's make, silk lined, in grey and tan, at... \$2.00

MEN'S TAN MOCHA GLOVES, Dent's make, at... \$2.00. MEN'S TAN MOCHA GLOVES, silk lined, Dent's make, at \$2

MEN'S GENUINE KID GLOVES, Dent's make, beautiful quality; all the newest shades of tan, at... \$2.25

MEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, extra heavy weight, at... \$2.50

MEN'S REINDEER GLOVES, Dent's make, silk lined, at... \$2.50

MEN'S FINE MOTOR GAUNTLETS, Dent's make, wool lined, at... \$4.50

The China Department: MANY NOVELTIES ARE TO BE FOUND HERE

The bargains that this department will offer to-morrow in FANCY GIFT CHINA will be great indeed. We have special tables of various articles at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50 that contain some really wonderful values.

For the last day's selling you will find many articles that have hitherto been marked at much higher prices. For to-morrow morning at 8:30 we are adding some extra bargains for morning shoppers. It will pay you to be one of them. Look for the priced tables, 25c, 50c, 75c and... \$1.00

Hair Brushes Special Prices: We received a shipment of moderate priced HAIR BRUSHES just in time for Christmas that are extra good values. They are the kind that will give the best of satisfaction and will make most acceptable presents. They are extra good values at these prices:

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Those who have "put off" a good deal of the gift-buying until now should save their time by making a quick study of the ads.

You can be "ready to buy" when you go to the stores whose ads you have read. Otherwise you will simply "shop."

Local News

- We have a Gramophone expert at the sign of the Big Key, 441 Fort St.
- Heavy bark wood, cut 12 inches for grate and heater. Cameron Lumber Company, Ltd., Phone 210.
- To Seattle 2c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p. m.
- If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything, call at Brown's Auction Mart, 742 Fort street.
- Old pianos made new, scrapped off and finished in any color desired.—The Woodworkers, Ltd., 731 Johnson street, Phone 1165.
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The last days are here, Now for good Christmas cheer. The children all said, Before going to bed, If Santa Claus brings The beautiful things That we all saw In Wilby's toy store, It will be a whole year Before we want more. So dear father and mother, Good-night.

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TEACHERS MAY SHARE IN SUPERANNUATION

Provincial Government Considering Question of Including Them in Benefits.

In the new civil service bill which the provincial secretary, Hon. H. E. Young, will introduce into the legislature at the approaching session it is probable that teachers in the public schools may be given an opportunity to take advantage of the scheme of superannuation.

The Vancouver Educational Club has been meeting itself in the question. The minister, however, has had the question under consideration for a long time, and is still gathering data in the matter which will assist him in coming to a conclusion as to what can be done.

It is probable, however, that upon certain conditions teachers may be included in the general plan upon which all the civil servants will be placed in a position to derive benefits from the superannuation fund.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN ARBITRATION CASE

Argument in Victoria West Dispute Concluded Yesterday Afternoon.

The arguments in the Victoria West case, on Mrs. Sarah Ward's application for a writ of prohibition against the arbitration proceedings, were concluded yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Martin, and his lordship's decision will be announced later.

Thornton Fell, for the city, argued that the proper time for Mrs. Ward to take action was later on, when a by-law has been passed levying the assessments on property owners for the payment of whatever compensation the arbitrator awards. Mr. Fell quoted English authorities to show that the courts had so construed by-laws that in drafting, which existed in the arbitration by-law, should not render it nugatory.

R. T. Elliott, K. C., contended that the by-law established a tribunal not known to the law and one from which there was no appeal. There was no legal necessity for the by-law, as the Municipal Clauses act already conferred all necessary powers on the council, but it had its purpose, which was to render the compensation awarded illusory. It was proposed to assess the owners who were to receive compensation with a large proportion of this compensation, thus making the award to a great extent only apparent.

FAIRALL'S TEAM WINS

Result of Bowling Match Held Last Night at Elite Alleys.

On the Elite alleys in the House League last night Fairall's team defeated Mudge's five by 99 pins. The score was as follows:

Name	Total	Ave.
Fairall	282	169
Pettifrew	282	137
Healey	476	158
Harris	475	158
Bell	286	95
Total	2101	698
Mudge	411	137
McCart	514	171
Anderson	491	163
Renfrew	325	108
Evans	200	100
Total	2041	679

Healey had the highest score of 194, while McCartney took the highest average of 171.

To-night Holden's team plays Davie's five.

PRIZE WINNERS

Miss Messenger's School Closes for the Christmas Holidays.

The annual distribution of prizes to the girls of Miss Messenger's school took place at "The Poplars" Burdette avenue on Monday. The results of the examinations were extremely satisfactory, the more so as the percentage necessary to the obtaining of a prize has been raised since last year.

In the first class, Olive Day gained the arithmetic prize with 91 per cent, and the French prize with 85 per cent.

In the second class, the following girls obtained special prizes: Eveleen Floyd, highest examination and term's marks, 83 per cent; arithmetic 91 per cent; spelling 85 per cent; Doris Worstfold, English history 82 per cent; literature 80 per cent; Angela Beaulande, English diction 80 per cent; Florence Smith, French 80 per cent.

In the third class prizes were awarded as follows: Hilda Fleming, arithmetic 85 per cent; geography 85 per cent; Gwendolyn French, French 73 per cent; Dorothy Smith, English grammar 80 per cent; Vivienne Charlton, spelling 85 per cent; dictation 81 per cent; Victoria Wyde, writing 80 per cent; Isabella Elliott, Scripture 80 per cent.

Fourth class prize winners were as follows: Jessie Wootton, English history 73 per cent.

The following among the pupils not having obtained prizes for special subjects received awards for very satisfactory general improvement: Armine Pemberton, Margaret Macdonald, Phyllis Slater, Philip Pemberton, Margaret Holley, Carmen Macdonald, Cora Bennett, Isabel Fox, Alice Stewart Williams.

The special music prize of the year to Miss Archibutt's pupils was gained by

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The moral conduct prize was awarded to Hilda Fleming, who was also the recipient of the "Noblesse Oblige" badge, this prize being voted by the girls themselves. Angela Beaulande was such a very close second in this contest that she was presented with a small badge of merit.
The school will re-open on Wednesday, January 6th, 1909, at 9.30 a. m.

The Salvation Army Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in their hall on Broad street. A good programme has been arranged and the children anticipate spending a pleasant evening. Admission will be free and all are cordially invited to be present.

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University Has Prospects of Winning Crew—Will Be Many Entries.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—Arrangements are under way to hold in Seattle next summer the biggest regatta ever held in the Pacific Northwest. Lake Washington will be the scene of the big races, and it is planned to have the regatta at the University of Washington and California, Stanford University and crews from Portland and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., compete. Prospects for a winning crew at the University of Washington are exceptionally bright this year, and it already has been decided to send the state university eight to California to take part in a race against Stanford and the University of California. A regatta race will be held on Lake Washington between the three crews, and it is planned to bring other North Pacific crews to the regatta, making it the biggest affair of its kind ever held in this section.

Rowing will be the chief sport at the University of Washington this year, owing to the fact that the Northwest championship track and field meet will be held at Portland this year. Baseball prospects for Washington are considered good. The University of Washington baseball team's good showing against the Japanese teams last summer has helped the game a great deal, and baseball enthusiasts in Washington will be represented on the diamond by a strong aggregation.

The plan to send the University of Washington eight, the champions of the Pacific coast, to the Poughkeepsie regatta has been abandoned, and Coach Conbar will immediately begin putting the oarsmen through hard training.

SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP IN STATE OF OREGON

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—The association football championship of Oregon will be settled for the '08-'09 season on Christmas afternoon, provided the Multnomah A. A. C. eleven wins. If it loses, the pennant is still in doubt between Multnomah and the Columbias, last year's champions. The Christmas game will be with the Portland cricketers, a strong local aggregation. Multnomah so far has won six games out of six, and has scored 40 goals to 3 against. This is the first year the clubmen have taken up soccer, and the entire institution is enthusiastic over its team.

ATHLETICS GOING TO ENGLAND.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Bobby Kerr is planning to go to England next summer to defend his title of champion at 100 and 200 yards. He expects to meet Walker, of South Africa, who defeated him in the 100 metre contest at the Olympic games.

NOT SO STUPID.
Tourist—Do the poor people who live in the mountains travel this way every day.
Guide—O, no! They go up a much easier road. We only bring tourists round this way.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

SOCCER LEAGUE HAS NO TRAVELLING FUNDS

Fifth Regiment Drops Out of Island Series—No Matches This Week.

Victoria representatives soccer team may go to Nanaimo on Saturday morning to play the scheduled Pacific Coast League match, but so far nothing is definitely fixed.

The officials of the city league met last night at Victoria West hall and heard from the secretary that the funds are exhausted and that there is a debt to be wiped off. The question of playing Nanaimo at Nanaimo came up, but after some discussion as to how to get the team to the island city the league executive left it to the mercy of the league themselves. If they go they will have to pay their own expenses.

S. Lorimer, captain of the team, has taken upon himself, with the assistance of Secretary Beane, the task of trying to secure a representative team if possible, but if the best players do not want to pay their own expenses, there will be places open for others who do. Lorimer said last night he would try to get the best team the city had, and the team that played Seattle if possible. He could not, however, expect players to go to the expense of making the trip if they did not want to, but hoped to get together an eleven that would be fairly representative. Lorimer, who has taken a big share this and past years in local soccer, is in line with many others in lamenting the half-hearted support given the game locally. The team has had to make its way from beginning to end this season, and now has to finance matches at Nanaimo and Seattle.

Fifth Regiment Drop Out.
The Fifth Regiment soccer team which entered the second division of the Island league were scheduled to play Christmas day against Victoria West in Victoria. Last night it was announced that the Fifth Regiment would not play the game as they intended to drop out of the Island League. The reason given is that there are difficulties in getting a team together for the whole season.

Tacoma Not Coming.
Equinault soccer people have been expecting Tacoma here on Christmas day to play at the Canteen ground. Word was sent that Equinault would play the return game at Tacoma on New Year's day, and Equinault has been getting the arrangements complete to make that trip and take in Seattle on the Saturday. Now word comes to the Equinault men, however, that Tacoma has fixed up games with Westham Island for the days in question, and left Victoria in the hole. As far as is known at present by the Equinault club Tacoma will not be here Friday.

BASKETBALL FIVE GAMES TO-NIGHT.

Matches in the intermediate and junior basketball series will be continued to-night, when Equinault and Shamrocks meet at Equinault, and Victoria West and the Bays play in Victoria West hall.

The junior teams engaged to-night are: Victoria West and Shamrocks, High school and Equinault, and Y. M. C. A. and North Ward.

The next games in the intermediate and junior series are on December 30th, while Monday night North Ward and Victoria West meet at the rink in the first league.

SEATTLE BEAT TACOMA.

(Special to the Times.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—In a whirlwind finish the Seattle Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated Tacoma last night by a score of 37 to 31. Both teams played brilliantly.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL NEW PLAYERS AT LADYSMITH.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Ladysmith, Dec. 23.—There were eight Winnipeg men in the Ladysmith team which played in a benefit match at Nanaimo on Sunday. The local boys now consider that with the talent they have now to choose from, they can win at Nanaimo on January 10th.

ED BURNS TAKES HOLD OF FOLEY'S TRAINING

Says Merryfield's Opponent Will Enter Ring in First Class Condition.

Ed Burns, manager of McGovern, the youngster from San Francisco, who was matched to box Merryfield on Tuesday night, came into town yesterday from Goldsboro and paid the address of the promoters to the extent of his losses through his man being unable to continue owing to accident. He then went across to Foley's quarters and took a look over the twenty-three-year-old youngster, who is to take McGovern's place against Merryfield on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock, at the A. O. U. W. hall.

Burns saw Foley work out, examined him and asked to be allowed to lend a hand in the training. Foley, it appears, after his match with Duffy last winter, opened up a school of boxing here and has continued it since that time. He has for some time had a likely match in view for himself on American soil, and has been keeping in weight with a view to quick finish off when necessary. Burns gives his word that Foley will be in better condition next Tuesday than he was when he met Duffy last winter.

Foley was out on the road this morning and had a long work-out in his room, Government street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ELLIOTT BAY YACHT CLUB TO BUILD BOAT

Teal Geary Will Be Invited to Design Challenger for Alexandra Cup.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Teal Geary, the boy wizard in Northwest yachting circles, will be invited to design a challenger for the Elliott Bay Yacht Club of Seattle, and the Americans hope to wrest the Alexandra Cup from the grasp of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club next year. Geary says he can design a boat that can beat the Seattle yacht spirit by five minutes over a twelve mile course and he will be given the opportunity to make good his statement. It will cost \$2,500 to build the new challenger and fit her out ready for the races.

The international races this year ought to be even more exciting than those last season, for there will probably be three competitors on the American side for the honor of challenging for the cup. Tacoma yachtsmen have declared their intention of getting into the game, and last week Scott Calhoun, secretary of the Northwest International Yacht Racing Association, sent Tacoma a letter asking for notice of intention to compete. Everett yachtsmen, who raced the Rival last year, will doubtless be in again this year.

"THE GREAT DIVIDE"

"The Great Divide" will be presented under the direction of Henry Miller at the Victoria theatre on Christmas night and Saturday. Over five hundred thousand people paid to see this play in New York city alone, during the two seasons run at the Princess and Daly's theatres. No play ever written has been so emphatically endorsed by the leading critics and reviewers of the daily press, the magazines and the periodicals. It is generally acknowledged to be the greatest drama of western life yet written in the history of the American stage. It tells of the strange wooing of an eastern woman and an Arizona prospector, representing the conflict between the free untrammelled spirit of the West and the rigid conventional and uncompromising of clever dialogue, replete with scintillating epigram, and intensely dramatic, with a rare combination indeed.

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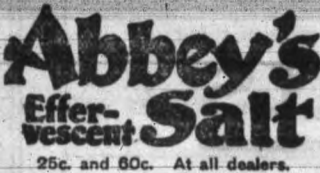
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SEARCH FOR OLD CREW OF VANCOUVER BELLE

Money Paid Over by Russia Ready for Distribution.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in finding the crew of the sailing schooner Vancouver Belle, which was seized by the Russians in 1902 and later was broken up at the dock at Vladivostok. The claim for damages was established and at last Russia has paid the damages assessed. A sum of about \$43,000 is now in the hands of the government, with which to pay the men who were employed at that time on the schooner, and also the owners. The men will be paid first and an effort is now being made to find them. So far the names of only five of the crew have been ascertained. Of these, two are deceased.
The odd thing about this case is that the shipping office has no copy of the articles or anything to indicate who the men were. The shipping master is still searching, but it is hardly likely that he will be successful as he has already gone through all the copies of articles and other papers office.

UNION RATES ABANDONED.

Owners of Sailing Vessels at Liberty to Accept Any Terms.
At a recent meeting of the Association of Sailing Ship-Owners at London the minimum charter rate on wheat and barley from Pacific Coast ports to the United Kingdom of 27s 6d was abolished. Masters and owners are now at liberty to accept whatever rate they can get.
This will, of course, make an enormous difference to local shipping and will result in an increased activity in the chartering of sailing ships now lying idle in Esquimaux.

THE RUPERT CITY.

MacKenzie Steamer Expected to Make Trial Trip on January 2nd.
Steamer Rupert City, formerly the Powhatan, has already been transformed into an up-to-date passenger ship. Two tiers of housework have been built, and it is expected that she will be ready for her trial trip on January 2nd, when several hundred people will be entertained by the MacKenzie Steamship Company. The steamer is fitted with wireless apparatus, and her dining saloon has accommodation for 125 people at one sitting.

A GRUESOME AUCTION.

Kits of sailors lost at sea are sold regularly at auction at the Albert docks in London. The sale provides many a pitiful sight. Most of the lots are contained in the regular sailor's sea chest, all marked with the name of the ship from which they come. One sea chest which came up for auction recently was that of an unfortunate Chinese cook who was eaten by cannibals. It is not unusual for those who have lost friends or relatives at sea to attend these auctions, and there are times when the first news of such a loss comes through the recognition of familiar objects.

It was erroneously reported in a Port Townsend dispatch received by the Times a few days ago that the vessels of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company would discontinue calling at that port. The vessels will continue to call at Port Townsend as heretofore.

JAPANESE LINER HAD ROUGH TRIP

CABIN DOORS SMASHED BY HEAVY SEA

Small Amount of Freight and Few Passengers Brought by Iyo Maru.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Iyo Maru arrived last evening from the Orient, bringing a light cargo of only 1,750 tons, including silk, rice, matting and general Oriental freight. The silk consignment consisted of 530 packages, valued at something like \$200,000. There was very little freight for Victoria and that was soon unloaded, the steamer leaving for Seattle about 9 p. m.
As the steamer entered the dock it was noticed that the port rail was smashed. Capt. Parsons stated that two gales were encountered on the way across. In the first of these, just after leaving Yokohama, the vessel shipped a sea on her beam, breaking the rail. The next occurred about half way across and this time she shipped a sea on her port quarter which completed the wreck of the rail and also smashed in the cabin doors.
There were but two first class passengers, H. B. Hammond, a member of the American consular service who is going to San Francisco, and Miss J. Jones, a missionary returning from China to Seattle to her home to spend Christmas. This lady has been working among the Chinese over a thousand miles up the Yangtze Kiang and she says the people in that part of China are very favorable to the English speaking people, especially to the missionaries.

In the second class was a mining man, William Hall, who is bound for San Francisco. Mr. Hall has for a number of years past been interested in mining in Siberia. He intended coming out by way of Nome and started in a gasoline schooner with the intention of crossing the Behring Strait and following the coast down to the American mining city. On his arrival in the Behring Strait last September he found it blocked with ice, that being unusually early for to be closed. The result was that he had to return down the Siberian coast and cross on the Japanese liner. Speaking of the mining prospects in Siberia Mr. Hall said that the country was rich, but the conditions were very unstable. He had a concession there so he felt bound to continue with it, but he would not choose that country if he were starting again.
There were in all about 70 passengers on the Iyo Maru, two of whom were first class, five second and the remainder third. Only fourteen debarked at Victoria and of these eight were women and one a child.
The fact that the steamer carried 800 tons of Chinese cargo shows that the boycott is practically at an end so far as the wealthier classes are concerned. According to the officers of the ship the movement is dying out gradually and is not likely to be heard of in future unless something unforeseen should happen to again fan the flames of race hatred.

ANOTHER DELAY IN REPAIRING GLENFARG

San Francisco Puts in Bid Slightly Lower Than Bullen's.

A rather unusual action has been taken by Lloyd's London agency in connection with the letting of the contract for the repair of the steamer Glenfarg. Tenders were recently called for repairs to the vessel after she had been docked at Esquimaux. Four tenders were received, the lowest being that of the B. C. Marine Railway Company of Esquimaux. The amount of the tenders was cabied to London and the head office intimated that they thought the repairs could not be made. Mr. Mitchell, the local surveyor for Lloyd's, reported against this, so then the head office held the vessel in dock while they sent their San Francisco agent, Fred Gardner, to survey the vessel. This gentleman brought with him Mr. Arms, consulting engineer of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, who put in a tender for the work, which it is understood was lower than that of the local firm. Before this, of course, the local bids were known, the approximate amount having been published in the press, and the exact amount being known to a number of people.
The San Francisco expert has endorsed the recommendation of the local men that the repairs should be done here. The local firm has refused to lower their tender, claiming that they gave a fair bid. The local agents say that they do not expect to have definite word from London perhaps for a day or two, but it is generally thought that the contract will be let here.

BRITISH STEAMER IS WRECK ON MIZEN HEAD

Six Lives Lost When Irada Goes Ashore on Coast of Cork.

Crook Haven, Ireland, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Irada, from Galveston, December 21st, for Liverpool, is a total wreck on the southwestern point of Mizen Head. Capt. Roberts, a stewardess and four men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves. The steamer was driven ashore during a fog.
It is estimated that the insurance losses on the Irada will amount to \$525,000. This is one of the heaviest blows that London underwriters have experienced in a long time. The steamer was wrecked about midnight Monday on the scene of many shipwrecks. Capt. Roberts and the first officer were on the bridge at the time. The boats were unheeled, but the sea was so heavy that they were swamped and the men were obliged to scramble ashore as best they might. Those who were saved had a terrible experience, clinging to the rocks throughout the night until about 8 o'clock in the morning, when men engaged in erecting a new fog signal station on the island hauled them up with ropes and ladders to the top of the cliffs. Many of them were injured in the perilous ascent.
Capt. Roberts was formerly second officer of the steamer Oceanic, Million Dollar Cargo.
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 23.—The steamer Irada sailed on her fortieth voyage between Galveston and Liverpool, December 5th, with one of the largest cargoes of the season, valued at a million dollars and including 22,000 bales of cotton. The vessel was valued at \$200,000. She was a passenger steamer, but carried no passengers on this trip.

MARINE NOTES

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 22.—The French steamer Amiral-Bebe has sailed for New York, where she will receive definite instructions from the French government as to her movements in search of the overdue Neustria, which left New York on October 27th for Marseilles, and has not been heard from since.
Steamer Amur was yesterday taken round to Esquimaux by the tug Clear and at once hauled out on the ways at the B. C. Marine Railway Company's yards. She will receive a general overhauling and have her stem straightened in readiness for next season's business.

SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 22, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; light southeast wind; barometer, 29.55; temperature, 38. Sea moderate.
Point Grey, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Heavy rain; calm; barometer, 29.48; temperature, 39.
Tatoosh, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Sleet; northwest wind, 8 miles; barometer, 29.67; temperature, 41.
Estevan, Dec. 23, 5 a. m.—Cloudy; fresh northwest; barometer, 29.69; temperature, 44.
Fuchena, Dec. 23, 5 a. m.—Cloudy; light northwest wind; barometer, 29.52; temperature, 39.
Cape Lazo, Dec. 23, noon.—Part cloudy; light northerly breeze; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 43. Sea moderate; at 10.30 to the south two-masted steamer, probably the Venture, bound south.
Point Grey, Dec. 23, noon.—Part cloudy; strong northwest wind; barometer, 29.48; temperature, 45. Passed out freight steamer Indravelli at 8.40 a. m.
Tatoosh, Dec. 23, noon.—Part cloudy; wind west 10 miles; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 46; passed in schooner Forest Home at 8.30 a. m.
Estevan, Dec. 23, noon.—Part cloudy; occasional hail storms; northerly breeze; barometer, 29.88; temperature, 39. Sea smooth.
Fuchena, Dec. 23, noon.—Part cloudy; hail and rain showers; northwest wind; barometer, 29.62; temperature, 41. Sea smooth.
The push button doesn't always ring the gong of success.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS		
Vessel	From	Due
Monteale	From the Orient	Jan. 5
Aorangi	From Australia	Jan. 14
Georgia	From Mexico	Jan. 16
Titan	From Liverpool	Dec. 26
Princess Charlotte	From Glasgow	Dec. 29
Empress of China	For the Orient	Jan. 6
Makura	For Australia	Jan. 1
Lonsdale	For Mexico	Dec. 31
Teucer	For Liverpool	Dec. 31
SAILING VESSELS TO ARRIVE		
Name	Left	Date
Puritan	Boston	Sept. 14, Vanc
COASTWISE STEAMERS TO ARRIVE		
Vessel	From	Due
Umatilla	From Skagway	Dec. 28
Princess May	From Skagway	Dec. 24
Venture	From Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 24
Queen City	From West Coast	Dec. 24
Tees	From West Coast	Jan. 1
TO SAIL		
Vessel	To	Date
City of Puffin	For San Francisco	Dec. 27
Princess May	For Skagway	Dec. 28
Venture	For Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 28
Queen City	For West Coast	Dec. 27
Tees	For West Coast	Jan. 1
FERRY SERVICE		
Vessel	From	To
S. S. Princess Victoria	Seattle	Vancouver
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Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT DUNCAN SCHOOLS

Enjoyable Programmes Rendered by Pupils—Presentation of Prizes.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Duncan, Dec. 22.—The local schools have all been closed for the Christmas holiday.

The Cliffs school held closing exercises in the opera house on Thursday evening. The children were dressed as pickaninnies and sang darkey songs. The opera house was crowded, and after the programme dancing followed until about 4 o'clock, the next morning.

The pupils of Quamichan Lake boys' school held their exercises on Friday afternoon. The principal, Mr. Skrimshire gave a report of the work covered, and the prizes presented by the directors were awarded. Masters Willie Mattland-Dougall and Lance Buzzett captured the prizes in the senior class, and Master Leonard Welsh, from Alberta, carried off all the honors in the junior class.

The Duncan public school held exercises on Friday followed by a taffy-pull, which was much enjoyed by the children.

The boys attending the St. Ann's school, Quamichan, gave an entertainment in the Duncan opera house on Saturday afternoon. Their drills were performed with rare precision. The elocution was exceedingly good as was the singing. Indeed the concert as a whole was so good that the sisters have been asked to repeat it some evening in order that others may have the pleasure of hearing it.

The Arion Club concert in aid of Chermatus hospital, which was postponed owing to a washout on the E. & N. line, will probably take place some time after the New Year.

The marriage of Miss Katie Wood, of Quamichan Lake, and Mr. Hale, of Glenora, will take place on January 2nd.

MONEY IS PLENTIFUL

Christmas Trade—In Full Swing at Ladysmith.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Ladysmith, Dec. 22.—The Christmas trade is in full swing this week. The miners were paid for their November work on Saturday, and there is now on a combined pay week and Christmas rush.

Horace Cretchley has left town for a trip to the old country. He expects to return in the spring.

Archie Perry, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Perry, of Extension, was taken down to Victoria on Saturday for medical treatment.

The funeral took place Sunday of John Muir, a well known resident of the district, who died last Thursday. Mr. Muir came to the island over thirty years ago, and resided continuously in the Wellington district for the last twenty-five years.

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DOG GUIDES HIS

MASTER TO SAFETY
Lineman, Injured While Repairing Wires, Forced to Crawl Through Bush.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Alberni, Dec. 21.—While out on the telegraph line repairing the damage done by a gale of wind, F. Tyler, lineman at Howchuckset, slipped and badly sprained his ankle. He was then five miles from home, and it was getting dusk. Unable to stand up he crawled through the bush to where he had a canoe, and reached home next morning thoroughly exhausted. He states that but for his dog, which refused to accompany him a foot in the wrong direction, he would have lost his way a hundred times on the rough trail, which is difficult enough to follow in daylight, and with the use of all one's limbs. Upon arriving at home he was able to telephone for assistance.

NEARLY TWO MILLION TONS OF ORE SHIPPED

Returns for Mines in South-eastern British Columbia.

Nelson, Dec. 22.—During the past week the most striking feature in mining circles in southeastern British Columbia was the semi-official announcement by the Canada Zinc Company, Limited, of the successful operation of their electrical reduction plant at this city.

The total shipments from the district to date now exceed 1,825,000 tons.

The following are the ore shipments for the past and year to date in tons:

Boundary.	Week.		Year.
	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	
Granby	2,556	1,996,659	
Mother Lode	19,355	282,846	
Snowshoe	3,297	47,989	
Oro Denoro	480	56,063	
Other mines	22,629	
Total	34,738	1,408,190	
Roseland	Week.		Year.
	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	
Centre Star	3,628	171,672	
Le Roi	1,129	75,417	
Le Roi No. 2	414	28,326	
Le Roi No. 2, milled	790	70,789	
Mayflower	7	
Other mines	1,271	
Total	5,440	277,493	
Slocan-Kootenay	Week.		Year.
	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	
St. Eugene	553	24,975	
Richmond	199	2,779	
Recd	30	496	
Texas	3	3	
Whitewater Deep	61	986	
Slocan Star	29	448	
Silver King	213	893	
Queen	87	969	
Granite-Poorman, milled	250	19,573	
Queen, milled	69	11,010	
Kootenay Belle, milled	70	2,230	
Second Relief, milled	145	2,215	
Whitewater Deep, milled	730	29,239	
Nugget, milled	119	820	
Blue Bell, milled	990	19,723	
Other mines	23,767	
Total	3,561	131,595	
Grand total	43,739	1,825,673	

Smeelter Receipts.	Week.		Year.
	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	
Grand Forks	20,536	1,096,659	
Greenwood	11,895	343,372	
Trail	7,565	319,942	
Northport (Le Roi)	1,273	63,719	
Total	40,969	1,783,292	

BODY OF INFANT FOUND.

Wrapped in Old Shirts and Thrown Into Bush on Vacant Lot.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The body of a newly-born male child was found in a vacant lot on Fairview, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and Vine and Bessam streets, late yesterday afternoon. The body, wrapped loosely in two old shirts, lay in a thicket of trees and wet underbrush, in a little huddled heap, just as though it had been thrown carelessly from the sidewalk.

WEDDED AT ALBERNI.

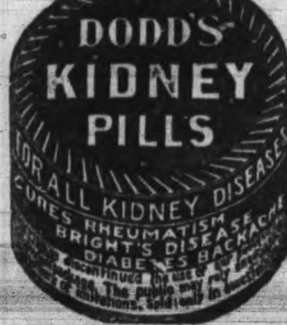
Marriage of Mr. Donald McKenzie and Miss Gladys Dickson.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Alberni, Dec. 21.—The marriage was celebrated on the 14th inst., at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. T. S. Glassford, of Donald, third son of the late Kenneth McKenzie, of Beaver Creek, to Gladys, second daughter of the late James Dickson, of Beaver Creek. John McKenzie, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Jennie Grandy, niece of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid. The young couple left on Tuesday morning for a short honeymoon in the Sound cities, and thereafter will reside on the farm of the groom in Beaver Creek district.

OBJECT TO PURSE SEINING.

Nanaimo Fishermen Will Interview Ralph Smith and Fisheries Inspector.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—At a mass meeting of white fishermen held in this city the following resolutions were adopted:
First. That Inspector Taylor be asked to close the seiners from 5 p. m. until 5 a. m.
Second. That Japanese be stopped putting herring on American boats.
Third. That the petition prepared by Capt. Bradford to allow seining in the harbor of Nanaimo is against the interests of Nanaimo and the herring fishing industry, and we consider that the said petition was a misrepresentation as it was not signed by any fishermen.
Fourth. That Mr. Taylor be requested to stop the seiners from fishing with purse seines as at present, and confiscate their gear.
Fifth. That all seiners and gill netters not having their licenses in their own name be stopped from fishing.
A committee of fishermen was appointed to interview Ralph Smith, member of the district, and Mr. Taylor, the local fisheries inspector, on the matter.



LADYSMITH COUNCIL WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

Only One Alderman Decides Not to Be Candidate in Next Contest.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Ladysmith, Dec. 22.—With one exception the present city council will seek re-election. This course was decided on at last night's meeting of the council as the result of a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Citizens' League. The present council was practically elected by the league at the beginning of the year. The mayor and aldermen were all pledged to a city electric lighting plant, a city sewerage scheme, and the reduction in the qualifications for municipal office. The council has never found time to take up this last question, but they have put through both an electric light and a sewer-by-law. The debentures for the money necessary to install these systems are now on sale, and the league has taken the ground that the council should be left to finish their work.

The president of the league, Dr. B. B. Dier, waited upon the council last night to put before them a resolution of the league asking them as a body to stand for re-election. The question was taken up, and the whole board with the exception of Ald. Haworth, agreed to accede to the request. There is little doubt that with the powerful backing of the league, the present council will again be elected to office.

Among the communications received by the council was one from Dr. Frost resigning his position as medical officer of health to the city. The position with Dr. Frost has been a purely honorary one, and he finds that his duties as medical officer for the Wellington Colliery A. and S. fund prohibit him from acting any longer for the city. His assistant, Dr. Williams, explained Mayor Nicholson, was willing to take over the office on the payment of the nominal salary of \$10 a month.

Ald. Matheson observed that he did not think it fair to Dr. Frost to accept his resignation without first of all offering him the salary they were willing to pay Dr. Williams. Dr. Frost had served the city for over two years, and had never received a cent for his labor. During the recent epidemic the measures he had considered it wise to take had occasioned a great deal of ill-will in certain quarters, and hasty and ill-considered things, which he felt sure were now regretted, had been said about him. For his part he wanted to say that Dr. Frost had served the city well and faithfully, and it was as little as they could do to induce him to remain the office at the suggested salary.

It was accordingly decided to lay the letter over for one week so that Dr. Frost could be seen on the matter.

A letter was read from Dr. Brunenberg, who has had charge of the Isolation hospital which was in effect a declaration of a clean bill of health so far as smallpox is concerned. The doctor stated that the nurses had left and that the last two patients had gone. He had cleaned up everything, but suggested that the building should be attended to. It was decided, therefore, to thoroughly fumigate the building, dry out the tents, and then board the place up.

FERNIE HAS BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Merchants Report Brisk Trade—Building Proceeds Satisfactorily.

Fernie, Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding the cold spell work on the uncompleted buildings continues and nearly every day a store or office is added to the long list of those which have been constructed since the town was laid in waste. The main business thoroughfare already presents a prosperous appearance, and it is now apparent that when the few vacant blocks are built upon in the spring, the main section of the town will be far more substantial than it has ever been.

As regards the replacing of the public buildings very little progress has been made. The new post office which had just been completed when the fire occurred, is being erected as rapidly as possible.

From a business standpoint conditions are exceedingly bright, merchants reporting a very brisk trade in all lines. Altogether the prospects for continued prosperity are better than they have been.

Municipal politics are now engaging the attention of the ratepayers, and the approaching elections will be the most keenly contested that have ever taken place here since the incorporation of the town.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

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To build, maintain and repair bridges.
To prohibit hawkers and peddlers from carrying on their business on the streets during certain hours of the day.
To license and regulate the owners and drivers of automobiles used for hire and to establish the rate of fares to be taken for the same and to enforce payment thereof.
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LARGE ORE DEPOSIT.

Satisfactory Showing on Johannesburg Group of Claims Near Greenwood.

Grand Forks, Dec. 22.—On the Johannesburg group of claims in Greenwood camp, development work is steadily progressing. The group comprises the Johannesburg, Croesus, Dover Fraction, Royal and Eureka mineral claims, and are situated on the hill just above the city of Greenwood and the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter, and contains in all 240 acres. The workings on this group show a large body of ore, which has been uncovered for a distance of 2,000 feet and is 350 feet in width. On the Croesus claim the sinking of the shaft had to be abandoned owing to water. Considerable cross-cutting has been done from this shaft, the ore carrying good values in gold and copper sulphides. Two thirty-foot shafts and a series of holes, twelve feet deep, have been sunk along the lead across the Croesus and Johannesburg claims, which have demonstrated the continuity of the ore deposit. A tunnel is at present being driven on the Johannesburg, which is in for a distance of 60 feet, all in ore, and gives promise that another large Boundary ore deposit has been discovered. The ore is a mispelite, is strong in iron, and assays have given values in gold, silver, copper and nickel, one test on the Johannesburg having assayed \$80, principally in gold, though the wealth of the property will probably come from the great deposit of low grade copper ore which has been clearly shown up at so many points over the Croesus and Johannesburg group.

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As machinery, either human or mechanical, feels the effect of idleness, it starts to rust in fact, we began to look for a business opening, and circumstances placed us in possession of the business of the late FELL & CO.—and then the row began.

We have not the space at our disposal to reproduce at present all the evidence we have in our possession concerning the Grocery Combine and Trusts of the city; this we have for future references, for use as required. You know the cost of your living nec-

cessaries previous to the 1st of March, 1908; in fact people with small incomes who would have stayed, left the city on account of the high cost of living.

The time appeared ripe to us for a change; so we decided to make OUR OWN PRICES irrespective of any Combination, and run our business or close our doors. The edict went forth, we were boycotted by the wholesale firms of the city and elsewhere with a few exceptions, and to these firms and gentlemen we extend our hearty thanks for having the pluck under great pressure to accord us a full measure of British Fair Play.

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CASTRO'S POWER NOW OVERTHROWN

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With unexampled courage, he entered the building and placed the brother of the president under arrest. The cool nerve of Gomez made it impossible for him to carry out this dangerous manoeuvre successfully. He then went to the Yellow House, the legislative mansion, where he had a brief interview with Torres Cardenas. The chief of the conspirators maintained a defiant attitude, and denied the existence of any plot. Gomez would not be deceived by such assurances. He seized Cardenas by the shoulders and shaking him roughly, said: "I have discovered your plot to assassinate me. You are my prisoner."

Torres Cardenas tried to use his revolver on the acting-president, but Gomez was too quick for him. He pinioned the man's arms and called the guard. Torres Cardenas was seized and disarmed and hurried to jail.

The two arrests, made single-handed by Gomez, broke the back of the plot. Gomez's friends came forward quickly to his support. Orders were at once issued and carried out rapidly for the arrest of several adherents of Castro.

There is to be a general re-organization of the government. The fall of President Castro leaves no obstacle in the way of settling the various international questions confronting the republic. Jos. De Jesus Paul, the former minister of foreign affairs, who played a prominent part in all of Venezuela's foreign relations for the last six months has been commissioned to go to Europe on a diplomatic mission to settle outstanding disputes with foreign powers. He will leave here on December 24th. Senor Paul has advised the diplomatic representatives here that measures to preserve order and protect the interests of the foreigners will be taken.

Acting President Gomez issued a proclamation yesterday which concludes as follows: "I have constituted a cabinet representing the public opinion of Venezuela, and, with the collaboration of my ministers, I intend to reform the constitution, to guarantee to respect for the autonomy of the various states of the Venezuelan republic, to protect industries against manipulation, to find a decorous and pacific solution of our international disputes, to live at peace and harmony at home and abroad, and to permit the law alone to hold undisputed sovereignty throughout the land."

Blockade Is Ended. The Hague, Dec. 22.—The Departments of Marine and Colonial Affairs have sent telegraphic instructions to the commanders of the three Dutch warships in Venezuelan waters to cease further activity against Venezuela.

BISHOP'S PLEA FOR OLD MEN

(Continued from page 1.)

could to facilitate the appeal to the police magistrate. Other Cases. There were about fifty citizens present to prove their right to a vote. There were half a dozen cases where men who had made application for registration found they were on as property-owners. In one case the payment of the 12 had been made, but the voter was told he would have to remain "out" that much. The exemption of militiamen, it was made clear, extends to all branches of the service, including reservists. The court sat until it had disposed of all the business before it and the Mayor will sign and certify the list as soon as it is ready.

THE REMITTANCE MAN

Now-a-days everybody becomes articulate. Our old friend the remittance man, says T. P.'s Weekly, was always articulate after a fashion, but now they are beginning to write books about him and even make him write books about himself. One such book is Mr. W. H. P. Jarvis' "Letters of a Remittance Man to His Mother." (Murray, 3s. 6d.) Young men who are contemplating their first plunge into Canadian life of any kind, would do well to read this series of letters, through which one traces the development of character.

The First Swindle.

One sees the soft, self-opinionated, self-esteeming, tenderfoot hardening before one's eyes. One gets to understand him first, of all, from his own point of view, and then from the point of view of the people whom he swindles by his amiable helplessness, and finally from the readjusted standpoint which eventually makes him one of those assimilated Englishmen whom the Canadians themselves admit are the salt of the Dominion. Of course, he is scornful of the people of the country, and turns instinctively to a brother remittance man, who swindles him. His Canadian employer listens to the tiresome old story without sympathy: "You fellows, when you come here first, at once seek out an Englishman with whom to deal. You will not trust Canadians. It may be natural, but it's unwise; and the result is you fall a prey to the first remittance man who catches hold of you. I've heard your story a hundred times."

Englishmen's Popularity. Reginald Brown, the writer of these letters, cannot understand why Englishmen seem to be unpopular in Western Canada, and questions an

English University man on the subject. "Look here," was the reply, "what kind of a time would one of these farmers' boys have if he were landed in upon a crowd of public school boys at home? Would your form at home have taken such a boy to themselves and made life a treat for him, or would you have treated him as an outsider?" Asked if young Englishmen are really disliked, he continued: "Not at all, except what they bring upon themselves. And then think of the class of Englishmen who come out here. We were three boys in our family, and our father used to say that if we did not get on well at home he would send us to the colonies. I came here because I fancied the field for my labors, and, please God, I am leading a useful life; but my two brothers are in Australia, and are no more a success than you will be here if you take to drink and don't learn to meet your fellow-men half-way. This is a land of production, and to make this land produce one has to work, and consequently a man's worth is estimated by the amount of work he can do. You will find that an education in the classics won't do you much good unless it is backed by a naturally philosophical temperament."

Reginald Brown then asked the great question—was there any hope for him? "Yes, decidedly," was the answer, "after you have been broke, and go hungry several times. In the midst of plenty, for the want of money to buy a meal. There is nothing like hunger to bring a boy to his senses, especially if he has strength of character enough to abstain from vice."

The Man and the Job.

A little later a friend in need in the shape of a half-intoxicated but very shrewd Canadian tells Reginald Brown what he believes to be the straight truth about remittance men: "Why don't they give remittance men jobs because they are no good? They are no good before their parents send them out to this country to get rid of them. They can't make a living in a country where they are used to the ways, and yet they expect to make things go here, where they don't know the ways—and they don't seem to want to know the ways. If they did you'd get rid of those pants. Why are the remittance men no good at home? For the simple reason they ain't taught to be. From asking questions, the way I size the proposition up is that the remittance man is kept 'fally-gaggin' round home doing nothing but making himself look pretty until he is twenty or twenty-two, and then his people come down to earth and find that it is about time he was earning a dollar or two for himself, especially as he is cutting up mean. They pack him off to Canada to become the free and independent farmer. They tell him to be sure and be a gentleman, and he generally is, for being a gentleman is to have the ability to borrow money on your face, when you don't know how in the devil you are to pay it back, and care less."

which the above advice is quoted that Reginald Brown says: "Do not be distressed at my experience; I feel that I shall yet come out on top." The Deceived Parent. But if the tenderfoot is not exactly a serpent in worldly wisdom, he is a perfect Solomon—so far as Canada is concerned—in comparison with the Polonius who sent him forth into the unknown. Reginald tells joyously stories of these deceived parents. One of them "which is vouched for here, is that a man borrowed a farm for a few days from a friend, and when his father came to visit him he was shown flocks and herds, fields and gardens, by his son as his own. After the father had given the son a large cheque he went away wholly satisfied, while the prodigal visited the nearest town and began to 'celebrate' on the strength of his father's latest gift."

The Farm Pupil. As for Reginald Brown, he turns his back utterly on his old friends. "I will buy a farm," he writes, after a strange freak of luck, "with horses and machinery, and will hire workmen. I will have nothing to do with any man who wears what Mr. Fleming calls 'bellows pants,' and will cut the whole tribe of remittance men." And in his last letter he gives this piece of excellent advice: "The scheme of parents paying a farmer here to teach their sons farming is a fraud. Such 'pupils' are held in contempt alike by themselves, by their tutors, by the hired men, and by the community at large. They are saved no unfit associations."

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H. C. BREWSTER MEETS ELECTORS

ADDRESSES PUBLIC MEETING AT ALBERNI

Member Explains His Stand on Questions Brought Before House.

(Special Correspondence.)

Alberni, Dec. 21.—H. C. Brewster, M. P. F., who has been travelling through the district he represents, spent last week in Alberni. Besides personally visiting many of the residents both in the town and country he addressed a public meeting in Brand's hall on Friday. There was a good attendance which was not confined to his own supporters. J. R. Motion, president of the Liberal Association, took the chair and in his opening remarks complimented Mr. Brewster on his efforts to secure adequate appropriations for the district, for his success in obtaining a reserve of 200 inches of water for municipal purposes and for the assistance he had rendered to the local committee appointed for the purpose of furthering the early incorporation of the town.

Mr. Brewster said he took this the first public opportunity of thanking the district for the honor they had done him in electing him as their representative, and while the present meeting was not composed of those who had supported him on that occasion, yet he could assure those who had then opposed him that after the election was over he considered he represented not one section of the public, but every resident in the district, and his ambition was to so act as best to advance the interests of the whole community.

His present visit was of a non-party character as he simply sought to become thoroughly acquainted with the

Needs of Every Part of the district. He would give a brief summary of some of the more important acts passed last year, and if any one did not fully understand or had any criticism to offer in regard to his votes on any of the measures brought before the house, he invited them to express their views without hesitation as he was prepared to welcome the fullest investigation into all his actions as a public man.

Touching first on the Assessment Act, Mr. Brewster narrated how he had fulfilled one of his few election pledges by making every effort to have exempted from taxation the first \$1,000 worth of improvements on farms. The government had, however, voted the amendment down, though making substantial concessions to the large corporations.

He explained that the working of the newly imposed tax on canneries would press unduly on the smaller concerns and how a feature of the measure was a provision which would make the opening of new canneries very largely a matter of political favor.

While entirely in favor of higher

EDUCATION WITHIN THE PROVINCE HE DEFENDED HIS VOTE AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY ACT.

as it was there proposed to endow the university with two million acres of land without the legislature or the public being furnished with the slightest information as to the character, value, or location of the land. He had supported an amendment extending the scope of the university to include facilities for higher education in commercial and industrial branches instead of confining it solely to the two or three learned professions.

In connection with the land act passed last session he was glad to be able to state that, with the aid of other members affected, he had secured a reduction on the license for hand logging and permission for it to be carried on in the west coast of the island.

The government had, as stated by Mr. Motion, agreed to the reserve of 200 inches of water for domestic purposes for the town of Alberni, but he considered that a larger reserve for power purposes was almost equally essential for the future prosperity of the town.

Mr. Brewster explained the provisions of the act passed last session to

Exempt Certain Railways from taxation for ten years provided they started construction before July of 1908. While apparently a wise measure as it would have provided work for the unemployed during the financial depression, yet it was really more in the interests of the big corporations as all they needed to do to earn the exemption which in ten years would amount to a very large sum, was to make a start at construction, but there was no stipulation that the work was to be finished in any particular time, and it might be allowed to drag on for several years, but the exemption of taxation would still hold good, and the ten years only began to count from the completion of the road.

On the question of appropriation he secured the government for their discrimination against Liberal districts as easily demonstrated by a comparison between the different districts on the island, and proved that on the floor of the House and otherwise he had made every effort to impress on the government the necessities of this district and the failure of the government was certainly not due to lack of full information on the subject.

Mr. Brewster then dealt with the bill introduced by himself to

Safeguard the Wages of Miners engaged on developing prospects where the ordinary mechanics' lien would not apply. It was intended to meet cases where men took hold of small undeveloped mines, worked them for a few months, paying the men as seldom as possible, and then if the prospect was not turning out well, quietly decamped, leaving the miners with nothing but a worthless hole to meet their claims. The bill he had introduced had prevented this, but with such simple restrictions as would in no way hamper legitimate enterprise. He intended to bring it before the House again, and hoped to see it become law.

At the conclusion of his address the chairman invited questions and a few were put. A resolution was passed endorsing the principle of the bill introduced by Mr. Brewster, and requesting that he might press it before the legislature again.

A hearty vote of thanks to the member concluded the proceedings.

URGES CO-OPERATION AMONG FRUIT GROWERS

Maxwell Smith, Dominion Inspector, Addresses Meeting at Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 22.—Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector, delivered an instructive lecture in Miners' Union hall to a well-attended meeting of the Farmers' Institute on "The Commercial Aspect of the Fruit Industry."

In his address he referred to some of the knotty problems in fruit growing for profit which had arisen chiefly through the efforts which have been made to develop the industry quickly. The men who have made this rapid advance deserve every praise, but it was for the growers to now stand together and grapple with these problems.

Mr. Smith mentioned the Hood River district as an example of what can be done by the members of the fruit industry working together for their mutual benefit. The whole business of the Hood River country had been built up by co-operation. It was essential that Kootenay fruit growers should conduct their business in a business-like manner.

The speaker dealt with the question of unfair competition from the United States and said that in his opinion the reason that so much fruit from over the border was sold in Canada was that it was better packed and better graded. He mentioned that it was one of the laws of the country that every box of apples should have the grower's name and the grade of fruit printed on it, and for their own protection it was for the merchants and wholesalers of Canada to see that this regulation was complied with.

Dealing with the best methods of packing Mr. Smith stated that apples always travelled better if tightly packed. If put in the boxes loosely they were far more likely to arrive at their destination in a bruised condition. The tops of boxes should be without spits or cracks as ventilation is unnecessary. The best way to pack crates in cars was on their sides, as in this manner the weight was more evenly distributed.

Grading should not commence after the apples were picked, but in the spring by so thinning out the small fruit that only one was left of each bunch and the rest were left sufficiently close to touch each other. The best time to do this thinning out was when the fruit was about the size of a finger. It had been proved that when this was done not only was a greater profit made each year, but the crop would be more regular.

Regarding the strawberry industry, Mr. Smith considered that the first thing to be done in this district was to weed out the many unsuitable varieties which were now being grown and stand shipping. The second point was to arrange for better transportation facilities. It was necessary not only that the cars should be kept cool while travelling, but that the fruit should itself go through some cooling process before being shipped.

ALBERNI NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Alberni, Dec. 21.—A regular meeting of the Farmers' Institute took place on the 14th inst. The attendance was very small disheartening to an able lecturer as Dr. Knight, of Victoria, proved himself to be.

New Alberni defeated the Indian team on Wednesday. The final struggle for the cup will be between the Alberni team and that of the Indians.

Mrs. Glassford left on Tuesday for a visit to Ontario. She will be absent some months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garrard are visiting Alberni, and will remain for some weeks. Mr. Garrard is interested in timber claims in the vicinity of Central lake.

Harry Woodward, of Cherry Creek, has left for a trip to England; he will return in the spring.

H. C. Newton arrived in town on the last boat, and spent a few days inspecting the Golden Eagle mine.

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A double compartment shaft is now being sunk on a ledge 30 feet to the east of the ledge on which they have hitherto been working. It is thought this ledge is of a higher grade than the ledge on which they have so far been operating. The intention is to drift along the ledge when greater depth has been reached in the shaft, which is now down about twenty feet.

Messrs. Whitford and Jenkins report that they have secured a renewal of the lease on the Blue Bird for another year. Another shipment of 17 tons has been sent to the smelter, which is expected will run about as high as the car on which \$2,400 was realized, but the returns on the shipment have not yet been received from the smelter.

NEW STEEL BRIDGE

Work is in Progress on Structure South of Duncan.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Duncan, Dec. 22.—The work of replacing the railway bridge south of Duncan with a street structure is in progress.

The Cowichan river during the recent heavy rains began to cut its banks in some places. Considerable damage has been done to the property of Mr. Ashdown Green. The river has changed its course several times; log jams have often turned the current aside.

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TWO OAK BAY WARDS MAY BE CONTESTED

Public Meeting is to Be Held in January to Discuss Questions.

It is probable there will be a fight in two wards in Oak Bay municipality at the coming election. The retirement of Reeve Oliver has made little change for Acting Reeve Henderson will in all probability run in his place, and Mr. Oliver will be a candidate for the position of councillor in the north ward, along with Councillor McGregor.

In the centre ward there will be a vacancy as Councillor Ferrie has expressed his intention of retiring. A number of names have been mentioned for that ward, among them being that of C. S. Baxter. That gentleman, however, seems reluctant about entering the field, but his friends are still trying to induce him to run, practically guaranteeing his election if he does so. Several other residents of the district have been mentioned for the position, and it is not at all improbable that there will be a contest in that ward.

In south ward it is also proposed to put in a third candidate, the present councillors being Messrs. Pemberton and Newton.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF JOSEPH EVANS

Adjournment Taken After the Hearing of Preliminary Evidence.

The inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Joseph Evans, who died from a gunshot wound on Sunday morning last at his cabin on Elk lake, was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall before acting Coroner D. Stanier. After hearing the evidence of Charles Pidgeon, a blacksmith of Keating, who was with Evans at the time he met his death; John Alexander, of Caledonia avenue, and Thomas Clarkson Smith, a farmer of Elk lake, adjournment was taken until Tuesday next at 2:30 p. m.

Charles Pidgeon, the principal witness, said he went to Joseph Evans' cabin on the morning of Sunday last, when the deceased invited him inside. Afterwards while talking outside the cabin they heard a shot fired near by. Mr. Evans picked up his gun by the muzzle and backed towards the cabin door, apparently intending to stand on the step which was some twenty inches above the ground. While dragging the gun up towards him the charge exploded and entered the lower part of his abdomen. Evans was under the impression that the shot fired near the house had been taken at grouse, and he intended to secure a shot at them also. The witness was talking to Mr. Evans outside twenty minutes before the gun was discharged. He immediately ran for help and met Mr. Alexander who had fired the first shot. They ran to Mr. Smith's farm and brought him to the place. Mr. Smith telling his son to follow with a rig. The witness said deceased was alive on their return, and asked to be taken to a doctor or a hospital. Mr. Smith promised to have his wish carried out immediately the rig arrived. He died shortly after. The witness said the hammer of the gun must have caught in the stoop of the shack and opened, rebounding as soon as it was drawn up past the obstacle, thus firing the charge.

John Alexander said he had fired at a blue jay and shortly after the first witness had run to him saying a man was shot. They both ran to Smith's farm and on the return witness went to find the constable and have a doctor telephoned for.

Thomas Clarkson Smith gave evidence that the two men mentioned and Mr. Patterson had come running to his farm with the information that Mr. Evans was shot. He went back with them and took the hand of the deceased. He was then alive, but did not speak. He groaned in pain and shortly after expired. The gun was within three feet of deceased who was lying just inside the cabin in a pool of blood. He did not speak prior to his death. Mr. Pidgeon then extracted the empty shell from the left barrel of the gun. He remained there until the arrival of the constable.

The jury consisted of F. Nichols, foreman; W. D. Miller, O. T. Aspray, Charles Williamson, F. Lumley and T. G. Williams.

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Burton Saw Works	75
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Imperial Trust Co.	106
Portland Canal M. Co.	72
Western Oil	109

Unlisted Stocks

American-Canadian Oil	10
B. C. Copper Co.	115
B. C. Distillery	75
B. C. Packers	122
B. C. Permacell Loan	80
B. C. Pulp & Paper Co.	80
B. C. Trust Corporation	72
Canadian Con. S. & R.	44
Canadian Northwest Oil	23
Cariboo Camp McKinney	14
Dominion Trust Co.	130
Great West Permanent	115
Granby	107
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	65
Northern Bank	95
Pacific Whaling, pref.	80
Rambler Cariboo	17
Royal Collieries	95
Sullivan	2
Vancouver Ice & C. S.	125

Coeur D'Alene

Alameda	2
Gertie	2
Humming Bird	2
Idora, pref.	2
Missoula Copper	2
Nabob	2
O. K. Cons.	2
Omni Fuel	2
Rex Oil & D.	2
Snowstorm	2
Stewart	2
Tamarack & Chesapeake	2
Wonder	2
Lucky Cabinet	2

COPPER MARKET

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Boston, Oct. 23

Adventure	9	14
Arcadia	21	25
Butte Coalition	71	74
Black Mountain	38	39
Calumet & Arizona	117	118
Centennial	311	313
Copper Range	301	304
Cumberland-Ty	71	71
Daily West	19	19
Davis-Daly	23	23
First National	74	74
Granby Copper	104	107
Globe Cons.	7	7
Greene Cananea	114	114
Hancock	129	131
Helvetia	43	44
Keweenaw	42	43
La Salle	141	141
Mass	51	51
Ray State	81	81
Nevada-Idaho	22	24
Nipissing	104	104
Nevada Cons.	19	19
North Butte	101	101
Onondaga Copper	129	129
Parrot Mining	252	252
Quincy Copper	93	93
Shannon Copper	117	117
Superior & Boston	154	154
Tamarack	73	73
Trinity	13	13

GRAIN MARKET.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 23

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	104	104	104	104
July	98	98	97	98
Sept.	95	95	94	95
Corn—				
May	60	61	60	61
July	60	61	60	61
Sept.	60	61	60	61
Oats—				
May	51	51	51	51
July	48	48	48	48
Sept.	48	48	48	48
Pork—				
Jan.	16.00	16.25	15.97	16.22
May	16.25	16.50	16.25	16.50
Lard—				
Jan.	9.37	9.55	9.32	9.52
May	9.50	9.75	9.35	9.75
July	9.55	9.67	9.35	9.75
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	8.25	8.40	8.20	8.40
May	8.27	8.35	8.15	8.37
July	8.25	8.30	8.12	8.35

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 23

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	8.63	8.67	8.58	8.60-62
Feb.	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.66-68
March	8.71	8.75	8.68	8.72-74
April	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75-78
May	8.81	8.86	8.76	8.80-81
June	8.80	8.82	8.77	8.79-81
July	8.77	8.84	8.74	8.80-81
Aug.	8.70	8.75	8.68	8.72-74
Sept.	8.67	8.67	8.67	8.58-60
Oct.	8.57	8.63	8.54	8.56-59
Dec.	8.56	8.66	8.56	8.61-67

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Ye Poet—Nothing can stop time.
Ye Troubadour—I don't know, I stopped three silver stocks when I sung under my lady's window the other night.

MINING STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Spokane, Dec. 23

Alameda	2	2
Copper King	21	21
Gertie	21	21
Humming Bird	21	21
Idora	2	2
Missoula Copper	2	2
Monitor	2	2
Nabob	2	2
O. K. Consolidated	2	2
Omni Fuel	2	2
Polymide Smelter	2	2
Rex	2	2
Snowstorm	2	2
Snowstorm	2	2
Tamarack	2	2
Wonder	2	2
International Coal	74	74
Rambler Cariboo	17	17
Kendall	5	10

LOCAL STOCKS.

(By Courtesy N. B. Maysmith & Co.)
Private Exchange

Alberta Coal & Coke	124
American-Canadian Oil	10
B. C. Amalgamated Coal	102
B. C. Copper	115
B. C. Permacell	115
B. C. Pulp & Paper	80
Bakeries Limited	8.00
Capital Furniture	8.00
Canadian Northwest Oil	23
Cariboo Camp Mck.	14
Diamond Coal	65
Diamond Vate C. & I.	14
Granby	107
International Coal & Coke	74
Nicola Valley C. & C.	70.00
North Star	100.00
Northern Bank	95.00
Pingree Mines Limited	15
Pacific Whaling	80.00
Portland Canal M. & D.	75
Produce Investments	100.00
Pacific Coast Fire	100.00
Royal Collieries	95
Silica Brick	5.00
Snowstorm	1.00
United Wireless	5.00
United Wireless (stamped)	4.50
Western Oil	109
Vancouver Briguette Coal	75
Victoria Transfer Co.	55.00

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ST. ANN'S KINDERGARTEN.

Pupils Render Enjoyable Programme and Receive Gifts From Santa Claus.

The closing exercises of St. Ann's kindergarten were held this morning in their pleasant schoolroom on Blanchard street, the centre of attraction in which was a splendid Christmas tree. The faculty of the school were present, and the little folks acquitted themselves most happily and creditably, showing evidence of careful, systematic training. One of the most enjoyable features was a "Sleigh Bell Drill" by a number of little girls, which was carried through without a break or the slightest hesitation. A very beautiful sacred tableau representing the adoration of the shepherds and the angels, shepherds and angels, was also given. The crowning glory of the morning, to the children, however, was the arrival of Santa Claus, who first rang up the school to tell them he was on the way. He was welcomed with a pretty chorus, and upon being invited to do so danced a jig in the centre of the room, after which gifts were distributed.

The programme was as follows: Chorus, "Christmas Bells"; address, "Christmas Wishes"; song, "Santa Claus Will Come To-Night"; musical and recitation, "Three Little Bells"; motion song, "O, Dip the Handkerchief"; "The Little Dreamer"; solo, "The Little Soldier"; recitations, "Trying to Be Good" and "Be a Try-Boy"; physical culture, Sleigh Bell Drill; song, "A Little Boy's Walk"; recitation, "A Note to Santa Claus"; dialogue, "The Story of Christmas"; sacred song, "O, Holy Night"; sacred tableau; Santa Claus' arrival.

DAY SCHOOL CLOSING.

Mrs. Blacklock's Pupils Hold Enjoyable Entertainment.

A very pleasant entertainment took place Saturday at the closing of the Victoria day school, Harrison street. After the report of school and examination marks were read, the following programme was given: Wolsley and Cronwell, a scene from Henry VIII, by Freda Bagshawe and Mary Medg; French dialogue from Henry V, Lucy Little and Beulah Jones; scene, "Arthur and Hubert," from King John, Dorothy Edwards, Dorothy Kingham and attendants, Totes Day, Marguerite McDougall, Ethel Rhodes; French play, "Peri Warren and Brownie Bodwell"; French poetry, Fred Hobson. A pretty drill also was given by the pupils, dressed in white, with red poles and sashes of the colors of the school, followed by tableaux from Tennyson's "Princess," in which were sung "Sweet and Low," "Toxas, Idle Ted," "Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead." The singing of "God Save the King" brought the programme to a close. All the parents and friends were very pleased with the work of children. Mrs. Blacklock will reopen for the Easter term on Wednesday, January 6th, 1909.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23—3 a. m.—A low pressure area of considerable energy is developing over British Columbia and moving inland, and the high area yesterday over the Pacific states has passed eastward to the valley of the Mississippi. Precipitation has been general on the Pacific slope, and the weather is unsettled in all provinces. The weather is fair and cold.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh southerly winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Easterly or southerly winds, unsettled, and cold, with rain or snow.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 4 mile E.; weather, part cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .26; weather, raining.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 30; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .05; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 22; minimum, 15; wind, calm; weather, clear.

WILL JOIN CITY ON UNIVERSITY QUESTION

Ratepayers of Esquimalt Meet and Elect Committee.

A meeting of ratepayers of Esquimalt district was held last night at the Soldiers and Sailors' home, Esquimalt, for the purpose of electing a committee to act in conjunction with the city committee on the question of the establishment of a provincial university in Victoria. John Jardine, M. P. P., occupied the chair and explained the object of the meeting.

Mr. Jardine said it was probable the Hudson's Bay Company would donate fifty acres at the corner of Cranberry and Admiralty roads for the purpose and that a committee should be formed to join with the city committee and look into all matters in connection with the project. Vancouver and Westminster, he explained, were busy and now was the time for Victoria to make a move.

J. C. McIntosh thought the committee should interview the Hudson's Bay Company and ascertain just what that company would do in the matter before interviewing the government, as it would be better to go to them with a definite proposition.

Dr. Egan supported the proposal to interview the Hudson's Bay Company. He, however, thought the location suggested was not suitable. He favored Macaulay point.

R. H. Pooley said Macaulay point had been cut up and the lots sold and re-sold, and the Hudson's Bay Company would not now be able to offer fifty acres of connected land there. The other site, however, was controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company. The provincial library and museum were named as additional advantages to the university if established here.

H. Croft suggested that delegates from the Island towns, from Comox down unite and see the government. While Vancouver and Westminster were working against one another, Vancouver Island could go solid and work together.

The following committee was selected: Henry Croft, Dr. Egan, A. W. McCurdy, J. C. McIntosh, R. H. Pooley, A. Stewart, A. S. Barton and John Jardine, M. P. P. T. H. Piper was elected secretary.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ST. GEORGE'S CLOSING.

Boarding and Day School Concludes Term in Pleasant Way.

The children attending St. George's boarding and day school had a very pleasant time at their Christmas closing and a number of the parents were present. The school colors, red, white and blue, were worn by all the pupils. A lengthy programme of songs and recitations was rendered, in all of which the children gave evidence of the careful and thorough training they are receiving from Mrs. Suttie and her assistant, Miss Henderson. The accompaniments were played by Miss Ohlsen, who has recently returned from studying in Germany, and will be the teacher of music in St. George's school next term.

Mrs. Suttie, in an interval of the proceedings, made a short address, and praised the children for the good work done by them. She expressed the hope that still larger premises would be obtained during next year, which would give larger classrooms and also afford ample space for school games.

Prizes presented by the kindness of some of the parents were awarded as follows: First, for conduct and attendance, Laura Macklin, who gained 100 out of 100; kindergarten form, Gwendie Hughes, 75 out of 100; first form, term prize, Doris Macklin; examination prize, Kathleen Weeks. Additional prizes were also given in the kindergarten form to Julian Menkus and Joe Stubbington for arithmetic, Bertie Oates for writing, and Harry Eakins for punctuality.

The following was the programme: The Maple Leaf.
Recitation—The Fruit Tree..... Bjornson
Jessie Oates, Winnie Lee, Ernest Hall and Maitland Twigg, with chorus.
Song—Baby's Horse..... Wardie
Recitations—The Little Boys.
The Bee..... C. Rosetti
Julien Menkus.
The Boy-Boy..... Watta
Jim Hanbury.
Recitation—September..... M. Howitt
Gwendolyn Humphreys.
Song—Baby in the Garden..... Wardie
The Little Girls.
Recitation—Ladybird, Ladybird..... Old Rhyme
Edna Shouldice.
Piano Solo
Miss Ohlsen.
Recitation—Hawatha's Fishing..... Longfellow
Bertrix Lees.
Song—The Miller's Little Children..... C. C. Moseley
Solos by Doris Macklin, Gwendie Hughes, Bernard Lees and Joe Stubbington.
Recitation—A Night With a Wolf..... Bayard Taylor
Phillip Twigg.
Recitation—Sixpence..... Old Rhyme
Bernard Lees.
Piano Solo—Watta..... Kinross
Doris Macklin and Miss Ohlsen.
Riddles and Rhymes..... Harry Eakins, Bertie Oates, Joe Stubbington.
Recitation—My Shadow, R. L. Stevenson
Kathleen Weeks.
Song—Wynken, Blynken and Nod.
Words by Field; Music by MacDonald
First Form.
Recitation—Three Washmen, Old Rhyme
Laura Macklin.
Recitation—The Babes in the Wood..... Nursery Rhyme
Elise Menkus, Allison Suttie, Gwendie Hughes.
Piano Solo—Melody..... Kinross
Bertrix Lees and Miss Ohlsen.
Recitation—A Little Girl, Alma Tadema
Dorise Ross.
Recitation—The Fairies' Song..... Shakespeare
Doris Macklin.
Christmas Carols and Hymns—
Good King Wenceslas.
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Bernard Lees and Miss Ohlsen.
Solos by Bertrix Lees and Winnie Lee.
God Save the King.
At the close the children, and later the grown-ups, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Suttie.

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2nd. Japanese Wild Cherry Carved Black Chair, \$45;
3rd. Japanese Brass Jar-diere, \$12;
4th. Fine Finished Cloisonne Vase, \$9;
5th. Japanese Silk Embroidered Short Kimono, \$6.50;
6th. Blue Silk Embroidered Waist Pattern, \$5.50;
7th. Pure Japanese Linen Parasol, \$4.50;
8th. Blue Tea set, \$4.50;
9th. Brass Spirit Teapot, \$3.50;
10th. Hand-painted Silk Fire Screen, \$3.50; and 25 smaller prizes.

GOVERNMENT ST.—1st. Silk Satin Screen with Heavy Embroidery, \$45;
2nd. Silk Satin Kimono with Heavy Embroidery, \$35;
3rd. Silk Satin Kimono with Heavy Embroidery, \$25;
4th. Brass Jardiere, \$12;
5th. Silk Crane Short Kimono, \$6.50;
6th. Brass Flower Vase, \$7.50;
7th. Silk Table Cover, \$3.50;
8th. Silk Waist Pattern, \$5.50;
9th. Karatau Ware Large Plate, \$5; 10th. a Pair Cloisonne Vases, \$5; and 21 smaller prizes.

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BRUTAL WHIPPING OF WOMAN BY NIGHT RIDERS

(Continued from page 2)

caught him and threatened to kill him, finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to endorse either, but that if he had to make a choice, he would prefer the whipping. After the riders whipped him they told him to run.

"Did you run?" inquired the court. "You oughter have seen me," retorted the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reeffoot lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move, under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved, he observed that he was still alive. He added that his home was burned. Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders, but there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Capt. Rankin. One witness, Mrs. Leonard, when asked how many there were in the band which visited her, said: "About two hundred, I reckon. The woods were full of them."

The afternoon witnesses continued the corroboration of Febringer's confession, detail by detail, said by said: "Old man" Fagan cleared up the mystery of his name. It is Harvey. He was taken out and whipped. He did not know what he was whipped with, but said "it felt powerfully like a piece of leather." He said that the day the soldiers arrived, Garrett Johnson, one of the eight defendants, drove with him to Camp Nemá. As they passed a little cottage, a woman saw the prisoner, threw up her arms and screamed "Now, thank God, I can tell what I know." She was taken under guard to Union City for her own protection.

The woman was Mrs. Anna Jackson, and she was called to the stand last evening. She said the riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's house with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned, and burned her father's house. She identified Johnson as the leader. The riders came back two nights later, she declared, forced her to go to her father's half ched, and said there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She heard her sisters' appeal for help, and began to scream, whereupon they threatened to whip her. She said she again recognized Johnson and several others. A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child, because the latter had quarrelled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father, because he testified before the grand jury. On the last visit Garrett Johnson asked her if she talked. She replied: "No, no, Johnson, I have not." "If you were a man," Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

Local News

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Annie Nelson, of Oak Bay avenue, the widow of the late Uriah Nelson. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

S. Tranter, superintendent of religious work at the jail, is planning to give the usual Christmas entertainment to the prisoners on Friday next at 2.30 p. m. This entertainment has become a customary part of the Christmas Day celebration at the jail and it is hoped to make the affair very pleasant and bright for the men. Rev. S. J. Thompson will preside and a good programme will be given.

The workers of the W. C. T. U. Mission, on Yates street, have arranged to give a Christmas dinner on Friday to the men who make the mission their headquarters and to strangers in town. They are asking for donations from the friends of the mission to assist them in this very worthy undertaking. Mrs. Fields will be glad to receive anything that may be sent in to help cheer and brighten the lives of those who will be present on Friday.

The sum of \$172 was cabled to London yesterday by A. J. Brase to aid in giving a dinner to London's ragged children. The money was sent to Sir John Kirk in aid of the Shaftesbury Union's ragged school Christmas dinner fund. Last year Victoria subscribers to this most worthy object sent something over \$350, and this year the contribution from this city will come to a little more than \$500. The Sunday schools have contributed largely, but there are several individual donors who remember this fund year after year.

The death occurred yesterday at Work Point of Henry Pea, for years a British soldier, who has lived here for a long time and for eight years past has been engaged in military duties at Work Point. The deceased was a native of Ireland and was 58 years of age. He leaves a wife, seven sons and two daughters, all living here. The funeral, which will be a military one, will leave Hanna's parlors to-morrow afternoon at 2. The service will be held in St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, at 2.30, from which place the cortege will march to the Soldiers' and Sailors' cemetery at Tsaginait, where the interment will take place.

The old Trutch house and part of the grounds between Fairfield road and Richardson street has been purchased by W. J. Hanna from Fred W. Jones, the late owner, the deal having been put through by A. W. Jones & Co., the local brokers. Mr. Hanna has a large block with 100 feet frontage and a depth of 150 feet. He has already commenced pulling down the most dilapidated part of the old building which will be reconstructed and faced down Collinson street, which ends just

at that point. It is Mr. Hanna's intention to preserve as much as possible the old shrubbery, and to make a beauty spot in which it is possible he may live later on.

Just as a reminder of winter, the highest peaks of the Sooke Hills, within view of the city, are to-day crowned with snow.

The secretary of the Protestant Orphan's Home acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of \$42.25, being the proceeds of a concert, given by the young people of North Saanich and Sidney recently, in aid of the home.

There will be no sitting of the county court until January, as soon as Judge Lammpan returns. The cases set down for hearing this month and those set for the January term, which was to have opened on January 4th, will be postponed until then.

Referees for to-night's basketball games are: Intermediate, Esquilmt and Shamrocks, C. Mason; Victoria West and Bays, A. Malcolm; Y. M. C. A. and North Ward, K. Hughes; Junior, Y. M. C. A. and North Ward, K. Hughes; Victoria West and Shamrocks, A. Malcolm; and High school and Esquilmt, R. Whyte.

Probate of two wills was granted by Mr. Justice Martin in chambers this morning—those of the late Robert Paterson, on motion of H. G. S. Helsterman, and of the late Captain J. G. Cox, on motion of H. D. Helmcken, K. C. An order was made for the filing of a plan of part of the Fairfield estate. Judgment was reserved on an application to set aside a garnishee order in the case of Culbert vs. Loewes. J. T. Elliott, K. C., and H. B. Robertson for plaintiff and defendant.

LIABLE TO FINE

Victoria Soccer Team Will Not Go to Nanaimo on Saturday.

Secretary Beaney announced this afternoon that there will be no soccer game at Nanaimo on Saturday, owing to the local executive not being able to get a team to go to pay its own individual expenses.

Under clause B of the P. C. L. constitution the local club is liable to a fine of \$50 if it fails to fill the date and play the match.

HOLT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Murderer of Bandaman Johnston at Fort Worden Escapes Capital Punishment.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—"Guilty, without capital punishment," was the verdict of the jury in the case of Private James H. Holt, tried in the United States District court for the murder of Bandaman Henry E. Johnson, on May 8th, at Fort Worden. The penalty is fixed by law at imprisonment for life. Judge Hanford announced yesterday that sentence would be passed in Holt's case on January 4th.

Old Gent—Here, you boy, what are you doing out here, fishing? Don't you know you ought to be at school?
Small Boy—There, now! I knew I'd forget something.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

KING LUDWIG'S MANY MAD FANCIES

Offered to Exchange His Kingdom for Another—Spent Millions in Castles.

To justify the incarceration of King Ludwig II. of Bavaria as a madman in June, 1886, three days before he drowned himself in the lake of Starnberg, publication has been begun in Munich (says the Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail) of a remarkable report made by the Bavarian cabinet to a secret session of the Diet. This report gives new details of the eccentricities which led to his Majesty's dethronement.

King Ludwig, the report states, desired to exchange his kingdom of Bavaria for the island of Cyprus. He had given orders to find a country where absolutist government was possible. The orders were carried out, and the King caused a letter to be written to the Turkish Sultan offering to exchange Bavaria for Cyprus.

From his earliest childhood the King evinced signs of insanity, as did his brother, the still living and insane King Otto. Ludwig began to assume command in 1864 through his disinclination to receive foreign rulers or diplomats. His Majesty was so obsessed by his literary studies that he would interrupt audiences with ministers with quotations from Schiller.

Later he developed a dislike of meeting people, declined to attend church, and built himself a luxurious private chapel. The presence of the public in theatres also disturbed him, and he commanded operas and plays to be performed to him alone.

Between 1876 and 1881 the King insisted on living in seclusion in his country houses for months at a time,

and when he returned to the Munich castle regarded it as a prison.

Entertainments to Stable Boys.

At court banquets the King believed he was on his way to the scaffold and insisted upon being hidden behind banks of flowers. The music had to be of a thunderous character, and when it was not loud enough the King would strike the floor violently with his sword. He was, by the way, a great patron of Richard Wagner.

His Majesty was once seized with a fancy for giving entertainments to stable boys, with whom he played the most childish games. He once feasted the boys in the Turkish room of his superb palace of Linderhof, built on the model of Versailles in the time of Louis XIV., who, the King declared, was his ideal.

Finally, the mad ruler declined to associate with anybody, except servants. In the last years of his reign he gave no court dinners and no audiences, and abandoned all direct intercourse with the cabinet. Commands and messages had to be transmitted through servants. Finally, royal decrees were issued through locked doors, the servants being required to indicate that they understood by scratching the door.

Anybody who entered the King's presence had to keep his head bowed so low that he could not see the King, while nobody was permitted to address him, and messages could only be communicated by gestures.

Once the King drove out clad in a golden and purple Louis XIV. costume, and surrounded by an enormous guard of mounted gendarmes, "to shield him from assassination."

It was his Majesty's unparalleled extravagance which caused his dethronement. He spent millions of pounds in building gorgeous castles, and embellishing them in the most costly style. He constantly demanded increases in the civil list and dismissed or ordered the arrest of ministers who declined to carry out his wishes. Frequent loans were made to cover the deficits caused by the King's habits.

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"The Statue" By Edon Phillpotts and Arnold Bennett

CHAPTER XVIII. Cabinet. "What are the agenda of this meeting?" asked the aged Lord Riach, Lord President of the Council, in his vibrating treble, as he hobbled to the marble fireplace over which hangs the old Dutch portrait whose authorship had puzzled generations of dilettante Prime Ministers. "Short and simple as the annals of the poor," replied Lord Doncastle, affectionately taking the garbled hand of the antique Scotch peer. Half a century earlier, in the days when Edinburgh was Edinburgh, and Glasgow a dirty little industrial townlet, Lord Riach had been a dog, over the border. "The question before your lordships," laughed Somersetshire, "is merely whether we shall present ourselves with the sack, or wait till it is given us." Lord Riach cackled. He had been impolitely offered many sacks in his time. Cabinet meetings have been held in various parts of the country; in the Cockpit, in the old Foreign Office, in the new Foreign Office, in the garden of No. 10 Downing street, in the chamber known as the Reputation Room in the same house; one was even held on a notorious occasion at Bertram Currie's private house in Combe Wood. But Gladstone, until he grew too deaf to catch from one end of the long table what was said at the other, had always held them in the stately apartment where Doncastle's ministry was now assembling, and Doncastle had restored the historic "Cabinet Room," and the long table thereof, to their ancient functions. The fact that he was not compelled to put on his boots in order to pass from his private den, by the famous long corridor sacred to ministers, to the supreme pow-wow, had perhaps influenced his decision. It was a fine room—a worthy setting. A double pair of pillars, ever more Corinthian than the pillars in the drawing-room, divided the entrance from the room itself. Bookcases full of impressive tomes rose round the walls to a height of about seven feet, and above these were plain white panels reaching to a chaste pale cornice. On the mantelpiece was a bracket clock flanked on one side by an empty letter-rack and on the other by a vase containing nine paper-splinters—the extreme of their splendor. The mantelpiece was a framed photograph of Windsor Castle, placed there casually, like the splinters, for some undiscoverable purpose. A fire of Wallendie fire-screen had been pushed aside in front of a bookcase where it hid from view fifteen volumes of State Trials. Affixed to the summit of the same bookcase was a map of the world with the British Empire blushing like a rose thereon. Lord Doncastle, approaching this map, touched the spring of the roller, and the British Empire shot up out of sight with a snap! A symbolic action! The chairs were padded as though they had been the chairs of a mad-house. In the centre, under a small chandelier, was the long table full of pens and blotting-pads upon which the statesmen might wreak their nervousness or their boredom. Also on the table were the plate of captain's biscuits and the carafes of filtered water which a staid person allows for the sustenance of his rulers during their confabulations. And at the corner of the table was an electric desk-lamp, the wire of which wandered away in easy coils to a switch near the window. The window overlooked the autumnal browns of the Cockpit garden. The Right Honorable the Earl of Munster, K.T., the Lord Chancellor, came in bearing a marked resemblance to a man-about-town. And he was followed by Mr. Luck, the First Sea Lord, and Sir Lionel Snow, Foreign Secretary, arm-in-arm. The Duke of Salop, who had been made postmaster-general because there is less scope for blundering in the post-office than in other departments, arrived in the old clothes which were the despair of his seven married daughters. And immediately afterwards, like a remedial measure, appeared the sprightly Marquis of Wym, the greatest dandy in English history. The Marquis was reported to spend four hundred a year on linen, and never to wear a pair of trousers twice; the raiment which he cast in the twelve months would have clothed the nakedness of the Duke of Salop from the beginning of Christian era to the dawn of Tory democracy. When dressed for the morning he was Lord Privy Seal. One or two minor ministers, who had only scraped into the cabinet by the skin of their teeth, strolled in, and then Lord Doncastle glanced at the clock which had just struck, and said: "Are we all here?" "We well know that they were all there," said the Duke of Salop. "Where's Mr. Bott?" asked someone. "Oh! Confound Bott!" exclaimed the Duke of Salop, testily. "I've got to be at my tailor's at half-past one." Everybody was thunderstruck. The spectacle of Salop going to his tailor's was one to give pause to the least reflective. Nobody had ever suspected that he had a tailor. "By the way, who is your tailor, Duke?" Somersetshire irreverently demanded. "And the Duke gazed at Somersetshire serenely: 'What the devil has that got to do with you, young man?' he retorted. "I am sure that none of us would wish to keep his Grace from his tailor," observed Lord Doncastle suavely, "unless the interests of Empire make such a course imperative. Let us begin." "Yes," put in Sir Lionel Snow. "But where's Prester John?" Sir John Prester, commonly called Prester John by his intimates and his extreme enemies, was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and lived next door. His absence was therefore the less excusable. "He will be coming directly," said Doncastle. "And Doncastle took the armchair at the head of the table, and the rest sat down, in attitudes more or less easy. It was a melancholy gathering, and a short-tempered, an anxious, a timid; a gathering satiated with power and yet terribly hungry. Each blamed the other, and all blamed Lord Doncastle, whose intentions none could pretend to know. In every breast was a smouldering fire of recrimination which the slightest breeze would fan into a horrid flame. "What's this canard that the City Gazette is calling for a penny?" the Marquis of Wym asked in a low tone to his neighbor. "It isn't a canard," the Foreign Secretary called out from across the table. "It's quite true. And I'd give a clerk or so to the lions to know how they got hold of it." "What does it mean, then?" the Marquis persisted. "Gentlemen," Doncastle demanded their attention, politely but firmly. He turned to Snow. "Sir Lionel," he said, "but have you to report from Sandringham?" Sir Lionel was that week the minister in attendance upon the King. He had come to town for the day. "In two words," replied Snow, "there is a desire, a clear desire, that we should remain where we are. It is considered." "And the Foreign Secretary proceeded to detail a conversation of the kind which never by any accident gets into the newspapers. "It was requested last night, in the billiard-room," Sir Lionel went on, "after the Portuguese minister had given me thirty in a hundred and run out in three breaks, to outline my own scheme, and I stated plainly that the best thing in my opinion, would be a really popular measure, such as Old Age Pensions." Here several men groined under their breath, for the Foreign Secretary was notorious for his Old Age Pensions. "If we bring in such a measure, the Opposition is bound to oppose it. Let them. Let us allow ourselves a tactical defeat. We can then go to the country with a good cry, and win on it handsomely." "And then forget all about Old Age Pensions," Mr. Luck interjected. "Or pass a very modified measure," said Sir Lionel calmly. "No government to which I have the honor to belong," said the Duke of Salop, "will father any scheme for pauperizing the proletariat at my expense." "Eh?" started the aged Riach, cocking an ear. "What about the expense of commissariat?" "No government to which I have the honor to belong," the Duke shouted, "will father any scheme for pauperizing the proletariat at my expense." "Yes," said Mr. Luck, "What chance is there of a war now?" "There is every chance," replied Lord Doncastle, gazing round the table. "I fancy I may say that, in certain circumstances, a war must come about. And he paused impressively—"if a war comes about we shall be sure of a majority." "Something in his tone gave hope to the hopes, and every eye was fixed on him, except the eye of Lord Riach, who thought that ministers were still trifling away time on the proletariat. "I should like," said Lord Doncastle, "briefly to resume the facts." Absently he broke a captain biscuit. And as he was doing so, Mr. Bott, Home Secretary, martially entered, wide awake in hand. The man had actually forgotten to leave it with the servants in the ante-room. Although this was his seventeenth cabinet meeting, it was the first at which he had been late, and he could not contrive to take his place without self-consciousness, especially as his movements were watched in absolute silence. "Good morning, gentlemen," he said, putting his hat under his chair. "I am very sorry to be late, Lord Doncastle." He raised his voice. "But I was detained at the last moment by an inquiry from Bedford as to whether a telegram just received at the prison there, and purporting to be signed with your name, was genuine." "It was," admitted Doncastle, blandly. "I regret," said Mr. Bott, "that at a time when your lordship must be particularly busy with your own department, you should have been troubled to take charge of mine." Mr. Bott was obviously furious. He glared defiance at the congregated aristocracy of the kingdom. "No trouble, I assure you," answered Lord Doncastle with exquisite calm. "It was a minor but rather pressing point about a condemned man having access to his daughter, and as there was no opportunity to consult you instantly, Mr. Bott, I ventured—" "The thing is of no importance," retorted Mr. Bott. "Feeling sure that the telegram was a practical joke on someone's part, I wired that no special privileges were on any account to be given Crampiron." Lord Doncastle bit his lip. "But naturally I will telegraph fresh instructions," Mr. Bott added, afraid of his own acidity. "You will be very kind," Lord Doncastle murmured. "Crampiron!" ejaculated the Lord Chancellor. "By the way, Mr. Bott, I compliment you on your originality in taking a seat beside my old friend, Walworth at Crampiron's trial; but having regard to the previous close relations of Crampiron with the government, it is a great and good public policy to put your action in an unfriendly spirit. I saw yesterday that the Times very rudely described it as a lack of tact." "Not such a lack of tact as offering Crampiron an armchair after he had committed a murder," Mr. Bott flashed back, stinging at Doncastle and hitting him full between the eyes. "That is scarcely a fair way of putting it, you know," Somersetshire drawled. Lord Doncastle made a gesture enjoining silence on his cousin, and proceeded with his statement. "I was just resuming the facts of the situation, Mr. Bott," he said with fine equanimity. "I think it is no exaggeration to say that, after I had arranged with Crampiron to take Mr. Courlander's place in floating the Moroccan loan through Germany, our position, the position of our friend Courlander and our friend France, was a certainty. We had, therefore, nothing to fear. Even when Crampiron was accused, and arrested; even when the Sultan fell ill and delayed everything, we still remained fairly safe, for the loan was in good hands. But the conviction and sentencing of Crampiron had brought us within sight of disaster. We are identified with Crampiron. His shame is ours. I have made careful inquiries, and ascertained that no person but Crampiron could carry through the loan with sufficient quickness to forestall our good friend France. War is therefore indefinitely postponed, to my intense regret. I say 'to my intense regret,' because, as I cannot too often reiterate, a European war is our only chance for continuing to hold the confidence of the country, and therefore our only chance of stopping that fatal tide of hysterical legislation which the Opposition are sure to initiate when they have turned us out." "For my part," Mr. Bott interjected, "and on behalf of my friends, I must express my sorrow that a great English political party should deliberately desire a sanguinary war in order to cling to office." "The destinies of this Empire," replied Lord Doncastle, rising, "cannot be swayed by a facile humanitarianism." "Hear!" muttered the Earl of Munster. "Moreover," Doncastle continued, "in desiring an immediate war we are actuated by the highest motives. All our continental agents tell us that at the present moment France must win in a struggle. And France ought to win, for her army is in admirable condition, whereas the forces of Germany are suffering from a bad attack of vanity and conceit. The German war cabinet is well aware of this, and in a few years will have cured the attack, and once more attained superiority over the French army. The fight must come sooner or later, and if it came later France would lose. He drank the official water, and went on: "I have, I think, made it clear to you all that, although there are doubtless many men in the city who could save us if they were given time, there is only one man who can save us in the time at our disposal—Crampiron, who is to be counted among the financial geniuses of the century. Crampiron, however, is condemned to death. What, therefore, is to be done. It appears to me that our line of action is obvious—so obvious that it scarcely need indicate it. His Majesty must be requested to reprieve Crampiron." The cabinet was staggered into muteness. Yet Doncastle had the air of having uttered nothing but a platitude. "But Crampiron is guilty! Crampiron has confessed!" Mr. Bott protested, shocked. "What of that? We have to think of the future," said Lord Doncastle, leisurely sitting down. "The Opposition press will have something to say, and there will be rude questions in the House," said Mr. Luck. "As for questions in the House of Lords, I will attend to them personally," replied Lord Doncastle. "In the Lower House, Mr. Bott will doubtless—" "It is monstrous, monstrous!" cried Mr. Bott, breaking with all traditions of Downing street decorum, and with that amusement which his cynicism loved, when a diversion was caused by the arrival of Sir John Prester, Chancellor of the Exchequer, breathless. Sir John Prester was a bachelor of sixty, who for forty-four years had enjoyed an income of fifty thousand a year, and to whom, during the faded romance of an early childhood in love, Sir John, at the age of 25, had been engaged to the great heiress of the day who had run off with a Russian attaché. Sir John had consoled himself with sport and politics. He was still handsome. The Russian attaché had died in Siberia and the great heiress mourned him in a secluded villa on the heights above San Remo. It was a story that had inspired several novelists. Sir John had come from the city, where he had multifarious connections. His nephew, Jack Prester, was a governor of the Bank of England. In a few sentences, characterized by strong emotion, he related what was happening in the city; he had been warned that very morning by his nephew, He figured now and then with his grey one could stop him. And before any one could launch him, he had fairly launched himself on his favorite topic, the preposterous constitution of the Bank of England. He had preached against the preposterous constitution of the Bank of England for four decades. He had issued the most solemn warnings. He had introduced bills after bill. He had even moved amendments to the address to the Throne about the Bank of England. And though everybody admitted that he was entirely right, and that the constitution of the Bank of England was indefensible and highly dangerous, he had never been able to persuade any ministry to do anything. He could not understand his failure.

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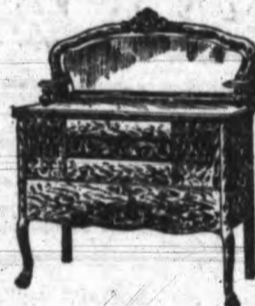
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